

GCI ALASKA ACADEMIC DECATHLON
Student Code of Conduct & Dress Code
 State Competition February 25 – 28, 2009

The GCI Alaska Academic Decathlon expects all team members to conduct themselves properly while attending an Academic Decathlon event. This includes all of the travel, hotel and sightseeing time associated with their participation in the Alaska Academic Decathlon. State Competition will be held at the University of Alaska Anchorage, February 25 - 28, 2009.

Appropriate conduct of team members is the **sole responsibility** of the team coach who has the legal responsibility of chaperone for his/her team members **at all times**. Students should be under the supervision of their coach during all excursions, activities and in the hotel.

All students are expected to be in their rooms by **11:00 p.m.** except for the Saturday Dance when the hours are extended to 1:00 p.m. If behavior in common areas of the hotel is disruptive, an earlier curfew may be called either by the Alaska Academic Decathlon Executive Director or by the hotel management. It is the responsibility of the team coach to be available to enforce such a curfew and any other regulation determined necessary by the Alaska Academic Decathlon officials.

Inappropriate conduct includes but is not limited to:

- Damage to or vandalism of any property
- Appropriation of memorabilia from the hotel or competition site
- Use of alcohol or illegal drugs by students regardless of age
- Use of water pistols, water balloons or any other projectile at hotel or competition site
- Fighting, loud noise or any other behavior which is disruptive to others at the hotel or competition site

Financial liability for all damage incurred by actions of a team member shall be the sole responsibility of that team and the student's parents.

DRESS CODE: Appropriate attire for speech and interview, and the Awards banquet is described below. Distracting apparel or any kind or any indication of any school, state, region or location is considered inappropriate for the speech and interview events and will be penalized.

Acceptable student dress standards:

- Boys: Suit coat, shirt and slacks, sweater, or shirt and slacks without coat, jeans without torn or ragged edges. Shoes must be worn.
- Girls: Dress/skirt and blouse, or blouse and slacks, jeans without torn or ragged edges. Shoes must be worn.
- Team uniforms for both boys and girls are optional.
- Excessively baggy clothing is inappropriate.

During speech and interview contest, contestants may NOT identify ANY school, region or location in informal conversation, content, apparel or insignia of any kind. A penalty will be assessed for each violation. Distracting apparel, including hats of any kind, shall be considered inappropriate. If dress code violations are observed by the test proctor or Alaska Academic Decathlon official, the student will be given the opportunity to comply with dress standards prior to the event. A student has been allowed to compete in an event may NOT be disqualified based on dress standard violations.

In the case of any incident NOT mentioned in this publication or any other Alaska Academic Decathlon publication, the Alaska Executive Director shall convene a panel of three Board Members to discuss the incident and determine the appropriate action. Appropriate action may include individual or team disqualification. This Code of Conduct and Dress Code has been adapted from the USAD National Competition Code of Conduct & Dress Code. Student and parent support of this code is essential for the Alaska Academic Decathlon. Coaches should appreciate their obligation to model the expected standards.

Team Coaches must print this form and ask each participant and their parent to sign and date it, then countersign it as the coach. Please bring the completed forms to the competition or mail them in advance to the State Director.

Student Name (print):	Student Signature:	Date:
Parent Signature:	Date:	Coach Signature: Date:

