



New Mexico Academic Decathlon **2009-2010 STUDENT CODE OF BEHAVIOR**

The effort of the Academic Decathlon concept is to recognize the best efforts of New Mexico's youth. All understand the importance of establishing and maintaining a level of expectation to serve as a goal for youth to reach their highest potential in all their endeavors. Just as the Academic Decathlon has established high expectations academically, equally high expectations exist for all student behavior. The following is a statement of minimum expectations regarding behavior for those participating in the New Mexico Academic Decathlon competitions:

1. Students will show exemplary respect for all facilities related to the Decathlon competition to assure that nothing is done to cause damage. It is understood that should any damage occur, the person(s) responsible will be held accountable for damages incurred.
2. Students will follow carefully the directions of the Decathlon event supervisor and will not take exception to the order of procedure of an event.
3. Students will show respect for peers, coaches and volunteer workers throughout the entire competition procedures.
4. Students will be supervised by their coaches at the Decathlon activities, at their place of lodging, and other related sites during the competition events.
5. Any alcohol or illegal drug use during the AD competition season is strictly prohibited. Admitted or proven use during the competition season is grounds for immediate disqualification from all AD related competition for the remainder of the season as well as imposition of any school-level disciplinary action.

Students, parents, and coach(es) shall be expected to support this Code of Behavior. In the event that a student does not comply with the expected level of behavior, the State Director shall have the right and responsibility to establish appropriate sanctions. Sanctions may include disqualifying the student or his/her team from receiving any recognition as a result of the competition(s).

The **signatures** which follow affirm support for this Code of Behavior during all 2009-2010 New Mexico Academic Decathlon Scrimmage, Regional, and State competitions:

Student _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian _____ **Date:** _____

Coach _____ **Date:** _____

School _____ **Date:** _____

NOTE: Please return one of these forms, fully signed, for **each** student participant, to State Director along with the required "Coach's Registration" and "Medical Release" forms.