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PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon

COMPETITION DATES

The PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon is open to all public and private high schools in Georgia. Participating schools must be members of the Georgia High School Association. School districts may have as many of their high schools participating as they wish. If two or more high schools in a school district participate, the district must have a local competition to determine which high school will represent the district at the state competition.

STATE COMPETITION

The state competition is usually scheduled for the last full weekend in February (Friday-Saturday), at Kennesaw State University. School teams traveling great distances have the opportunity to stay in hotels in the area near KSU, which is north of the perimeter along I-75.

Please visit the PAGE GAD website at www.pageinc.org/gad and click on the “Dates and Registration” link to view the current calendar.

NATIONAL COMPETITION

The championship team with the overall highest team score at the PAGE Georgia Academic Decathlon state competition will represent the State of Georgia at the United States Academic Decathlon national competition which is usually scheduled during the end of April. Up to three additional teams may also receive invitations to in-person Nationals. Georgia will also identify three non-winning teams to represent the state in the USAD National Online Small, Medium and Large school competitions. Please visit www.usad.org to check this year’s dates.

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2025-2026 Calendar

September 12 – GAD Fall Workshop @ KSU Center

October 3 – GAD Staff Competition Coordinators’ planning meeting

October 15 – Season Registration Deadline

October 31 - November 8 – Scrimmage Test (Round 1)

January 8-20 – District-level Competition (Round 2)

January 9 – GAD Staff Competition Coordinators’ Planning Session

January 20 – Deadline to submit Wild Card score sheets

January 21 – Notification to teams: Wild Card Invitational

January 28 – All teams competing at state must have Roster submitted

February 2 – State Competition Registration Deadline

February 5-6 – Mandatory login practice with online system

February 9-10 – Online Essay and Art Events for State Competition

February 27-28 – State Competition (Round 3)

March 13 – GAD Staff Competition Coordinators: Debriefing Meeting

April 23-25 – USAD National Competition in Garden Grove CA (Round 4)

May 5 – [GAD Honor Cord](#) orders due (links to online store)