Pentathlon

Tips for Working with Your Team(s)

REMEMBER . . .

Primary communication with Coaches and Sponsors is done through e-mail provided with the School/Group Registration done online. If a coach or sponsor is not receiving e-mail information about the contest, he or she should check Spam/Junk folders on the computer and contact Academic Rodeo for assistance with getting the current information.

Deadlines exist for a reason. Please be aware of them and follow them. The **Academic Rodeo Calendar** in a true calendar format is on the Getting Started and General Info pages. The **Pentathlon Timeline** is on the Pentathlon page and gives detailed information about deadlines and submissions. If you have a problem with a date or deadline, please contact Academic Rodeo, realizing that usually it is not possible to make a change or give "grace" for deadlines. To be sure your students get to participate, follow the deadlines.

Please read the General Info for All Coaches and Sponsors.

The following tips and suggestions may be helpful to you in working with your students.

- Remember that **only 2 of the team members** on each team may come **from 11th and 12th grades**.
- Do include **both boys and girls** on each team.
- Consider the strengths in choosing the students for each team. With a vast array of Math and Science subjects, you need students with varied experiences and expertise.
- Remember that each of your 4 students on a team will take two of the written tests -– Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics – and all tests must be taken by two different team members. Consider courses students have taken in determining strengths for each of these.
- UIL Study Materials in Math and Science are good resources to use in preparing the students for written tests.
- Bring a signed Release and Indemnification Agreement (on the Pentathlon page) for each student.
- The Engineering portion of the contest will involve constructing and/or using materials in a different way to accomplish the tasks required in the final round.