

## TSJCL Academic Rules 2009-2010

### Rules

To enter any academic contest, a student must be enrolled in Latin in the 2009 - 2010 school year or be a veteran. Students must also be members of TSJCL and NJCL and registered for the TSJCL State Convention. All academic contests will be divided into eight (8) levels:

1/2 A - Junior high or middle school students who will take more than one year to complete Latin I and are currently in the first year (grades 6-8).

1/2 B - Junior high or middle school students who will take more than one year to complete Latin I and are currently in the second year or middle school students who will complete Latin I in one year (grades 7-8).

I – High School students who will complete Latin I within one year.

II - Second year students.

III - Third year students.

IV - Fourth year students.

V - Students with five (5) or more years of Latin.

Vet- Students who have completed a) all the Latin offered at their school, or b) a course in Latin prior to this school year but were unable to enroll in Latin this school year. Veteran results do not count in sweepstakes but veteran students will be able to receive ribbons. Veteran students are not allowed to compete in Dramatic Interpretation, Latin Oratory, or Sight Recitation.

To ensure fairness and proper placement in a level of competition, **sponsors who desire clarification** are strongly encouraged to send a detailed description of the school's scheduling arrangement for Latin to a state chairperson. The state chairpersons will then decide each school's placement on a case- by- case basis. Other questions about academic contest should be addressed to the 1<sup>st</sup> vice president.

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C. Each TSJCL chapter may enter only one (1) contestant in each level of each academic contest except for Dramatic Interpretation (explained in II.O.1) and Reading Comprehension (see II.L). In the case of multiple entries from the same school, the higher scoring contestant will receive an award, but no sweepstakes points will be awarded; the other contestants will be disqualified and the school will be warned that any infraction in a subsequent year may result in disqualification of students involved.

D. A student may enter only two (2) academic contests. The academic contests include: Decathlon, Dramatic Interpretation, Geography and Monuments of the Ancient World, Grammar, Greek Derivatives, Greek History, Greek Life and Literature, Latin Derivatives, Latin Literature,

Latin Oratory, Mottoes, Mythology, Reading Comprehension, Roman History, Roman Life, Sight Recitation, and Vocabulary.

E. Any infraction of the above rules may result in the disqualification of the student(s) involved.

## II. Contests

### A. Grammar

There will be two grammar tests. Students participating in Levels 1/2 A, 1/2 B, or Level I will take Grammar I. All other students will take the Advanced Grammar test. The Grammar I test will not include verbals (except for complementary infinitives), deponent verbs, the subjunctive mood, or indirect statements.

### B. Latin Derivatives

Emphasis will be placed on English words derived from Latin.

### C. Vocabulary

Latin and English equivalents and idiomatic expressions will be emphasized. Latin to Latin will be included.

### D. Mythology

Greek and Roman myths, gods, and heroes will be covered.

### E. Roman Life

The public and private lives of the Romans will be covered.

### F. Latin Literature

The significant authors (Livius Andronicus through Boethius), and their lives, works, and styles will be covered.

### G. Roman History

All phases of Roman History from 753 BC to 31 BC, also from right before the founding (around the birth of Romulus and Remus)

### H. Greek History

All phases of Greek History will be covered from the Minoan Civilization through the death of Alexander the Great.

### I. Greek Life and Literature

The public and private lives of the Greeks will be covered as well as the significant Greek authors, their lives, works, and styles.

### J. Greek Derivatives

Emphasis will be placed on English words derived from Greek.

K. Mottoes, Phrases, Abbreviations, and Famous Quotations

Emphasis will be placed on Latin mottoes, abbreviations, and phrases used in English, as well as famous mottoes and quotations. (Latin idioms are tested on the Vocabulary Test.)

L. Latin Reading Comprehension

Selections for comprehension will be suited to the level of Latin studied by the contestant. Level 1/2 and I students will take the Level I test. Level II students will take the Level II test. Third, fourth, and fifth year students will take either the Prose Advanced Reading Comprehension test or the Poetry Advanced Reading Comprehension test. A school may have students competing in both Advanced Poetry and Advanced Prose, but the same student is not allowed to take both Advanced Reading Comprehension tests. The comprehension questions will be asked in English and Latin.

M. Geography and Monuments of the Ancient World

The test will include knowledge of the monuments (e.g. buildings and other structures) and of the physical and political geography of the civilizations of ancient Greece and Rome including comparisons between the ancient and modern worlds.

N. Sight Recitation

1. The Sight Recitation contest will overlap with written tests in the convention schedule. Students should complete any written test before competing in Sight Recitation.
2. Contestants will be given a brief selection in Latin appropriate to the year of Latin being studied by the contestant.
3. Contestants will be judged on their ability to read aloud in Latin, noticing their particular expression, tone of voice, pronunciation, and phrasing.
4. Pronunciation for the contest will be based on the Classical pronunciation in Vox Latina.
5. Contestants will be given the selection for a 10-minute preparation period in which a dictionary may be used. Contestants desiring to use a dictionary must bring their own because dictionaries will not be provided.
6. Macrons will be used to indicate long vowels in the passages.
7. Judges may ask very general English questions to verify the contestant's general comprehension of the selection. Although these are not directly part of the scoring criteria, they may be used to break a tie.
8. Level 1/2 students will perform the Level I selection, but they will be judged separately from the Level I contestants. Awards will be given for each level of Latin.
9. Level V students will perform the Level IV selection.
10. Presentation will be judged on the criteria listed below. The numbers inserted in parentheses represent the point value, which will be used in judging the poetry entries.

Points

Prose Poetry

1) Confidence	5	(5)
2) Continuity	5	(5)
3) Phrasing	5	(5)
4) Syllabification	5	(5)
5) Vowel Quality	5	(5)
6) Vowel Length	5	(5)
7) Consonant Quality	5	(5)
8) Double Consonants	5	(5)
9) Word Accentuation	5	(5)
10) Elisions	0	(5)
11) Scansion	0	(5)
12) Fluidity	10	(10)
13) Appropriate Expression	20	(20)
14) Overall Effectiveness	25	(15)
Total	100	(100)

O. Dramatic Interpretation.

1. One (1) boy and one (1) girl may be entered per level of Latin per school.
2. Level 1/2 students will perform the Level I selection, but they will be judged separately from Level I contestants. Level III, IV, and V students will perform the advanced poetry selection, but will be scored separately.
3. Each level will be divided by gender. Awards will be given for each gender of each level of Latin.
4. The selection must be memorized. All contestants may provide their own prompters; judges will not prompt.
5. The contestant has the option of giving a one-minute introduction in English.
6. No costumes may be worn. No props may be used.
7. Contest pronunciation will be based on the Classical pronunciation in Vox Latina.
8. Level I and II contestants are not required to read with elision and meter, but they may do so.
9. The selections are the 2010 National Junior Classical League selections, Levels III, IV, and V must perform the poetry selection.

	Points	
	Levels 1 & 2	Advanced
1. Memorization	25	(25)
2. Character Portrayal and Depth	20	(20)
3. Pronunciation	20	(15)
4. Enunciation	10	(5)
5. Voice Control and Eye Contact	10	(10)
6. Natural Gestures & Appropriate Movement	10	(10)
7. Phraseology	5	(5)
8. Scansion	0	(10)

Total 100 (100)

P. Latin Oratory

1. The selection must be memorized. Contestants may provide their own prompters; judges will not prompt.
2. No introduction in English may be given.
3. No costumes may be worn. No props may be used.
4. Contest pronunciation will be based on the Classical pronunciation in Vox Latina.
5. Level 1/2 students will perform the Level I selection, but they will be judged separately from the Level I contestants.
6. Level II students will perform the Level II selection.
7. Levels III, IV, and V students will perform the advanced selection, but each level will be judged separately.
8. Awards will be given for each level of Latin
9. The selections are the 2010 National Junior Classical League selections.

Judges will use the following criteria:

	Points
1. Memorization	25
2. Pronunciation	15
3. Audience Contact	15
4. Natural Gestures and Oratorical Style	15
5. Enunciation and Voice Control	15
6. Phraseology and Interpretation of Passage	15

Total 100

Q. Decathlon

- a. Any contestant may take the Decathlon and only one other academic contest.
- b. The Decathlon test will cover Grammar; Vocabulary; Roman Life; Roman History; Latin Literature; Mythology; Reading Comprehension; Mottoes, Phrases, and Abbreviations (Famous Quotations will not be included); Latin Derivatives and Geography and Monuments of the Ancient World.

Any further questions concerning the academic rules should be directed to:

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