



Academic Super Bowl State Finals

Dress Code

Academic competitions are not forums for personal statements, but rather are gatherings of talented students all with the primary objective of academic excellence. Principals and academic coaches have a shared responsibility to require and enforce standards of apparel deemed acceptable to represent their school and community. The Indiana Association of School Principals has approved the following rules for attire for students and coaches wishing to participate in academic competitions:

1. All clothing must be neat and clean.
2. If desired, team shirts or matching attire is encouraged.
3. Also encouraged are dress shirts, ties, jackets, sweaters, slacks, or dress shorts for boys; skirts, dress pants, dress shorts, blouses, jackets, or dresses for girls.
4. Jeans and shorts are **NOT acceptable for Academic Super Bowl State Finals**. Team members violating the Dress Code will not be permitted to compete.

Immediately before or during the event and awards ceremony, the procedural committee at each site will disqualify students if it determines they are wearing the following unacceptable attire:

1. Hats, bandanas, and sunglasses.
2. Clothing that advertises drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or contains explicit, suggestive, and/or offensive language or graphics.
3. Unclean or torn clothing or shoes.
4. Shirts or adornment that contain potentially pertinent information to the contest.
5. Shorts or tops that are revealing and/or not of dressed up nature.

Competing at the state level necessitates additional attention to apparel. Students and coaches must adhere to the aforementioned rules or face disqualification by the state procedural committee. Since these events are videotaped, publicized, and have larger audiences of a more diverse nature, principals and coaches must be especially diligent in monitoring student dress.

PLEASE NOTE: Disqualification can occur at any point for any participant during a competition or awards ceremony. Most schools comply with the Dress Code. For those few who don't follow the rules the following is suggested:

When an individual or team is disqualified due to violation of Dress Code the following steps will occur:

1. The Procedural Official and Site Coordinator will verbally inform the coach of the reason immediately.
2. IASP will send a letter to the school principal stating the reasons for disqualification. It will also state that should a second infraction occur within one year of receipt of the letter, the school will be ineligible to compete for one year.



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