



2020 Michigan Penalty Point Checklist

For all 20 Page Written Events at the State Conference

Event Name: _____

Participants: _____

10 Page Written Events, Chapter Awards, and Merit Awards will use different checklists.

Please refer to Format Guidelines for each Written Entry in the National DECA Guide for a more detailed explanation of these items.

	Checked	Penalty Points Assessed	Page Number
1. The Written Event Statement of Assurances and Academic Integrity must be signed by all participants and the chapter advisor and placed in front of the written entry.	_____	15	_____
2. Project was uploaded on time, and in the correct event category.	_____	5	_____
3. Limited to the number of pages specified in the guidelines (plus the title page and the table of contents). <i>This includes the appendix.</i>	_____	5 (per page)	_____
4. All pages are numbered in sequence starting with the executive summary and ending with the final page of the appendix. Do not use separate sheets between sections or as the title pages for sections.	_____	5	_____
5. Entry must be typed. Handwritten corrections, notes, charts, and graphs will be penalized.	_____	5	_____
6. Paper is 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches. No fold-outs, attachments, or tabs used.	_____	5	_____
7. The written entry follows the outline in the Written Entry Guidelines for the event. Additional subsections are permitted in the body of the written entry. <i>The Roman Numeral Section Headings and subsection headings MUST be in the body of the written entry and listed in the table of contents with correct page numbers.</i>	_____	5	_____

Total Penalty Points Assessed: _____

Key:
 A check indicates that the item has been examined and meets the guidelines.
 A circled number indicates that an infraction has been noted.
 A page number indicates the location of the infraction.
Michigan Rules and Clarifications are in Italics.

If a student is assessed 25 or more penalty points, their project will not be eligible to attend or compete at the State or International Conferences.

Penalty Point Guidance

The Michigan Penalty Point Checklist is used to access penalty points for all written events (*except Chapter Awards and Merit Awards projects*) during the Michigan Written Event Screening, and during competition at the International Conference. Each numbered item below corresponds to an item on the Competitive Event Checklist, and includes frequently asked questions below each item.

The Written Event Statement of Assurances and Academic Integrity must be signed by all participants and the chapter advisor and placed in front of the written entry.

- If only the chapter advisor signature is missing, are penalty points accessed? YES
- If one or more team member's signature is missing, are penalty points accessed? NO - *however, the student with the missing signature cannot participate in the presentation, and will be dropped from the conference.*
- If a student's name is missing on the form or not registered for the project, are penalty points accessed? NO - *however, if a name is missing on the Written Statement of Assurances Form, the student CANNOT participate in the presentation, and will be dropped from the conference.*
- If the wrong event name is listed on the form, are penalty points accessed? YES

FOR 10 PAGE WRITTEN EVENTS (not applicable to 20 page written events): Entries submitted in an official DECA written event folio. Folios are available from Shop DECA (SKU: 4WEFOLI). No markings, tape or other material should be attached to the folio. One photocopy or the original typed document must be submitted. Participants may keep a copy for use in the presentation. *Folios with vintage DECA logos are acceptable.*

- If the entry is submitted in an older DECA folio, are penalty points accessed? NO
- If the entry is submitted in a DECA notebook/binder, are penalty points accessed? NO, *however we will place the entry in the correct folio/binder, and invoice the chapter five (5) times the current list price.*
- If the entry is submitted with an old competition label on the folio, are penalty points accessed? NO, *however, penalty points may be accessed during competition at the International Conference for folios with markings, labels or tape.*

FOR 10 PAGE WRITTEN EVENTS (not applicable to 20 page written events): Sheet protectors may not be used.

Limited to the number of pages specified in the guidelines (plus the title page and the table of contents). *This includes the appendix.*

- Are 5 penalty points accessed for every page over the limit? YES
- Does the Written Statement of Assurances, TurnItIn confirmation, title page and table of contents count in the total number of pages? NO

All pages are numbered in sequence starting with the executive summary and ending with the final page of the appendix. Do not use separate sheets between sections or as title pages for sections.

- If the title page and table of contents are numbered, are penalty points accessed? YES
- If a graphic is covering a page number, are penalty points accessed? YES
- If a page is used only as a title page for a section, are penalty points accessed? YES
- If page numbers are taped on, are penalty points accessed? YES
- If page numbers are handwritten, are penalty points accessed? YES

Penalty Point Guidance

Entry must be typed. Handwritten corrections, notes, charts, and graphs will be penalized.

- If there are any handwritten marks or notes from previous reviews, are penalty points accessed? YES
- If there are any handwritten charts or graphs, are penalty points accessed? YES

Paper is 8½ inches x 11 inches. No fold-outs, attachments or tabs used.

- If something extends past the 8½ inches x 11 inches, are penalty points accessed? YES
- If colored paper, card stock, graphics or water marks used, are penalty points accessed? NO

The written entry follows the outline in the Written Entry Guidelines for the event. Additional subsections are permitted in the body of the written entry. *The Roman Numeral Section Headings and subsection headings MUST be in the body of the written entry and listed in the table of contents with the correct page numbers.*

Note: The maximum penalty for this area is 5 points, even if there is more than one error. All errors will be noted.

- Must the entry include a title page and table of contents? YES
- Is the title page and table of contents penalty pointed for formatting? NO
- Do page numbers on the table of contents have to match the body of the project? YES
- Do main sections have to have page numbers on the table of contents? YES - *Main Sections are the sections in the event guidelines that have Roman numerals and are in UPPERCASE letters.*
- Do Roman numerals have to be utilized? NO
- Does each main section have to be addressed? YES - in the body of the project.
- Are sections penalty pointed if this year's event guidelines are not followed? YES
- Are sections penalty pointed if not properly sequenced? YES
- Must each main section be titled exactly? NO - *wording may be adjusted. For example, section 4 in the event guidelines states: "Identification of the Target Market"; the section could be labeled "Target Market".*
- Do subsections have to be in the paper? YES – *unless the guidelines state that the subsection is optional.*
- Can additional subsections be added to content? YES - *Refer to the sample on page 73 of the Michigan DECA Guide for page number formatting.*
- Do subsections have to be on the table of contents? NO
- Do subsections have to have page numbers on the table of contents? NO - *however, if page numbers are included on the table of contents, and are not correct, penalty points will be accessed.*
- Is a Bibliography required? YES
- Is an Appendix required? NO

FOR 10 PAGE WRITTEN EVENTS (not applicable to 20 page written events): Written entry must be printed single-sided.

- If the entry is submitted as double sided, are penalty points accessed? YES

Note: Written content is no longer required to be doubled spaced; single spaced is optional.

All penalty points accessed during Written Event Screening must be approved by one of the Written Event Directors, and the Director must initial that they have confirmed the total number of penalty points assessed.

All penalty points must be corrected before submitting the written entry for competition at the International Conference.