

Middle School Envirothon Rules

1. **Only** students in grades 5 through 8 are eligible to compete.
2. All team members must be from the same school, home study group, scout group, or 4-H group.
3. Each team will consist of no more than five members.
4. Teams must be accompanied by an adult team advisor to the competition.
5. During the Saturday testing competition, the advisors may not travel with the teams and shall not assist their teams in any manner. No advisors or spectators are allowed in testing areas on Saturday morning.
6. No electronic recording, no digital cameras, no taping and no picture taking on Friday afternoon during training sessions. **No cell phones are allowed** at the resource stations.
7. Advisors will be responsible to assure that teams display proper conduct during the competition and at the host facility. Team members, advisors, and guests will be respectful of everyone.
8. Drugs and alcohol are NOT permitted during any part of the competition or on the park grounds.
9. No clothing or other identification of local schools, towns, cities, or counties will be permitted at the resource stations.
10. All identification keys to be used will be furnished by the State Envirothon Committee. Biltmore sticks used in the competition will be provided to the teams at the Forestry Station.
11. The winning team will be the team with the highest cumulative point total. Certain questions will be pre-selected as tiebreakers. The tied teams will have their pre-selected questions compared until the tie is broken.
12. Rules & regulations of the Envirothon are subject to change. Any and all changes will be explained in advance to all teams and advisors.
13. Once the teams are registered on the day of the event, alternates may not be substituted for team members unless it is an emergency. (Names listed on the pre-registration form may be changed prior to the event.) Each Middle School team can have no more than 2 alternates.
14. The judges' decisions are final on all events.
15. All grievances must be reported before final judging. The grievance committee will handle all grievances.
16. Advisors must send each team members' medical and photo release forms to Area Envirothon Committee when registering for the Area Event.
17. Each Area will submit **all registration and medical forms** with names of the team members **and score sheets** from that Area showing teams and members eligible to compete at the state competition along with a copy of the medical consent forms to the State Middle School Coordinator as soon as possible after the Area Competition.
18. All teams must participate at an Area competition and be one of seven (7) top teams chosen to go to the state competition before competing in the state event. **Only the top 7 scoring teams will be allowed at the State Envirothon.**
19. Substitutions may be made on a team selected to go to the state competition, but there must be at least three (3) original team members able to compete at the next level.
20. **Violations of these rules can result in the disqualification of a team or a lesser penalty.**