

**NORTH CAROLINA ENVIROTHON**  
**Oral Presentation Component**  
**2012 Rules and Guidelines**

1. The oral presentation component is mandatory and all teams participating at the North Carolina State Envirothon are required to participate.
2. Teams will receive a printed copy of the problem at the Oral Presentation Preparation station. All teams shall have 65 minutes to review the problem, prepare their presentation, and create their visual aids. Immediately following the Oral Presentation Preparation station, teams will give their presentation at the Oral Presentation Judging station. The required length of the oral presentation is 9 to 10 minutes.
3. Teachers/Advisors are not permitted to be at the Oral Presentation Preparation station.
4. The oral presentation component will take place during the afternoon of the first day of the competition. Teams should plan to register no later than 1:00 p.m. Teams who plan to arrive later than 1:00 p.m. shall notify the North Carolina Envirothon in advance so that a later oral presentation time can be scheduled. The first rotation at the Oral Presentation Preparation station will begin at 1:25 p.m. and the final rotation will begin at 4:55 p.m. Teams missing the Oral Presentation Component on the first day of the competition will not be allowed to make it up the second day (score of 0) but will be allowed to compete in the competition.
5. All oral presentations shall be based upon what team members have learned from the current year's study materials that were provided for the Soil/Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Wildlife, Forestry and Current Environmental Issues stations. Teams are forbidden from using any study materials, books, notes, or mobile electronic devices while at the Oral Presentation Preparation station.
6. One poster board and a set of colored markers will be provided at the preparation station to allow teams to create visual aids. Both sides of the poster board may be utilized.
7. Pencils and 3" x 5" note cards will be provided at the preparation station so that team members may make notes for their presentations. These note cards shall not be used as props.
8. Each Oral Presentation Judging station shall consist of 1 station monitor and 5 judges. An easel will be provided to aid displaying posterboard visual aids.
9. The timing at the Oral Presentation Judging station shall be as follows: Upon arriving at the station teams shall be allowed a maximum of 5 minutes to set up. Presentations should be 9 to 10 minutes in length. No presentation shall be allowed to exceed 10 minutes. Immediately following the presentation the judges will have a maximum of 5 minutes to ask questions. Following the questions, the judges will have 10 minutes to complete their scoring.
10. Team advisors/chaperones/guests are permitted to view their respective team's presentation but shall refrain from talking while at the station and shall not have contact with the judges before, during, or immediately following the presentation. Any questions/comments shall be directed at the station monitor only.

11. Oral presentation scores shall be based on a criteria sheet approved by the State Envirothon Committee. A copy of this sheet will be posted on the North Carolina Envirothon website ([http://www.ncenvirothon.org/current\\_envirothon.htm](http://www.ncenvirothon.org/current_envirothon.htm)).
12. The judging team for each Oral Presentation Judging station shall consist of 5 judges. To determine a team's score, the high and low score will be thrown out and the 3 middle scores shall be averaged. The oral presentation component shall be worth a maximum of 100 points or one-sixth of the overall contest score. The oral presentation component score will be combined with the testing part of the event to decide the overall winning team.
13. Team members are required to wear appropriate clothing that does **NOT** identify their school or county origin.
14. No photography or video recording shall be allowed during the oral presentations, other than as approved by the State Envirothon Committee.

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