

NORTH CAROLINA ENVIROTHON

High School Oral Presentation Component

Rules and Guidelines

Starting in 2011 the oral presentation component is mandatory and all teams participating at the North Carolina State Envirothon are required to participate.

The problem solving oral presentation component will be conducted as follows:

1. The **scenario** for the oral presentation **will be posted** on the North Carolina Envirothon website (http://www.ncenvirothon.org/current_envirothon.htm) **two weeks prior to the contest**. It will also be emailed to all Envirothon Teachers/Advisors on this same day. This will give ample time for most teams to prepare. The oral presentation problem may or may not reflect the topic of the Current Environmental Issues station.
2. Teachers/Advisors/Resource Professionals are **not** permitted to prepare their team's presentation, but to only provide general guidance. Questions about the content of the scenario will not be answered by the North Carolina Envirothon Committee members (i.e. interpret the scenario on your own).
3. 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 1:30 p.m. Teams who plan to arrive later than 1:30 p.m. shall notify the North Carolina Envirothon in advance so that a later oral presentation time can be scheduled. The first round of Oral Presentations will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the final round will begin at 5:50 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.
4. Each team will be restricted to using only materials on the approved list (listed below) when creating their visual aids. All lettering, drawing and illustrations shall be done by hand. No computer generated or pre-printed materials will be allowed. No other props or electronic devices of any type may be used. Team members may carry standard 3" x 5" note cards to assist them in their speaking roles but these note cards shall not be used as props.
 - No larger than 24"x36" poster boards (Maximum of 2 poster board or foam core board, both sides of the poster boards may be utilized)
 - Colored construction paper
 - Tape or glue
 - Pens, pencils, markers, or paint
5. All visual aids to be used in the oral presentation shall be turned in at the time of registration. This shall include the note cards (3" x 5") that each team member may bring for the presentation.
6. After arriving at their assigned oral presentation station, each Team will be given their visual aids and note cards and have 5 minutes to set up and prepare for their oral presentation.
7. Each team will have up to 15 minutes (12 minutes for 2010) to make their presentation before a panel of three judges. The judges will then have up to 5 minutes to ask questions. (Team advisors are permitted to view their respective team's presentation with the team members' approval. No contact is to be made between the students/team advisors/chaperones/guests and the judges during the presentation.)
8. Oral presentation scores will be based on a criteria sheet approved by the State Envirothon Committee. A copy of this sheet will be provided to each team advisor at the same time that the scenario for the oral presentation is posted.
9. Oral presentation component scores given by the judges will be tallied and averaged to formulate the team's score. The oral presentation component will be 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.

10. Team members are required to wear appropriate clothing that does **NOT** identify their school or county origin.
11. No photography or video recording shall be allowed during the oral presentations, other than as approved by the State Envirothon Committee.

Questions should be directed to Steve Bennett, North Carolina Envirothon Program Coordinator by telephone: (919) 791-4307 or Email: steve.bennett@ncdenr.gov.