

SOUTHEAST AREA 7 ENVIROTHON



2026 Rules & Regulations

1. Students must be enrolled in grade levels 9-12 or the equivalent in a home school program. Top age for participation is 19 based on Minnesota State High School League guidelines.
2. Students on junior teams must be enrolled in grade levels 6-8 or the equivalent in a home school ranking.
3. Each team must include 5 students from the same school, non-traditional school, or youth organization. In emergencies only, teams may be allowed to compete with fewer than 5 members at the discretion of the Southeast Area 7 Envirothon Committee.
4. All teams must be accompanied by a teacher or advisor. Teams cannot register or compete without one. Advisors may only leave the event site for emergencies.
5. Advisors may not accompany teams during or after exam rounds. They may observe their team's oral presentation if the team permits, but must not interact with students before, during, or immediately after the presentation.
6. Advisors are responsible for ensuring their teams behave appropriately throughout the event.
7. If a team member cannot attend due to illness or emergency, an alternate may be substituted. Alternates that compete at the Area 7 Envirothon must compete at the State Envirothon. Teams may register up to 7 students per team – 5 primary team members, and 2 alternates.
8. Alternates who attend may be grouped into an “alternate team” that rotates through stations. Alternate teams will be scored but are not eligible for awards.
9. Students are allowed to carry notes for the oral presentation at the area competition. However, NOTES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT THE STATE ENVIROTHON COMPETITION.
10. Students may not carry books, phones, tablets, or other electronic devices during the competition unless approved in advance by the Southeast Area 7 Envirothon Committee for ADA accommodations. Standard calculators (non-scientific) are allowed. Use of unauthorized devices may result in penalties or disqualification.
11. Students may ask presenters to clarify questions during the competition.

12. Each exam station is worth 20 points, except the oral presentation, which is worth 30. In the event of a tie for first through third place, final score will be determined by the highest score in the following order of stations: Oral Presentation, Current Issue, Soils, Water Resources, Forestry, and Wildlife.
13. Each high school team must prepare and deliver its own oral presentation, teams from the same school may not collaborate or combine presentations. Teams may use up to 3 visual aids during their oral presentation. Electronic media (e.g. PowerPoint, Canva, YouTube) is not permitted. Presentations must be 7–10 minutes long (State Envirothon Rules). A score reduction will be assessed if time is not met. Final score is determined by the average of 3 judge's scores.
14. Junior teams will NOT give an oral presentation.
15. All decisions made by judges and presenters are final.
16. Use of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol is prohibited.
17. Teachers and students may not visit the Area 7 Envirothon site the day before the event.
18. The top 3 teams from the Southeast Area 7 Envirothon will advance to the Minnesota State Envirothon competition.
19. If one of the top 3 teams cannot attend the Minnesota State Envirothon, the Southeast Area 7 Envirothon Committee will invite the next-place team to attend.
20. Scores presented at the time of the awards are final and cannot be changed or contested. Answer guides for the day's event will be available upon request after the awards ceremony.
21. Transportation to the Southeast Area 7 Envirothon and the Minnesota State Envirothon is the responsibility of the teacher/advisor.
22. Rules and regulations of the Envirothon are subject to change. Rules are final as per the Southeast Area 7 Envirothon Committee.