

AREA 7 ENVIROTHON 2022 RULES

1. Students must be enrolled in grade levels 9-12 (or equivalent home school ranking) to participate in the State competition. Top age for participation is 19 (based on Minnesota State High School League rules for participation).
2. Students on junior teams must be enrolled in grade levels 6-8 (or equivalent home school ranking).
3. Each team will consist of 5 students from the same school, non-traditional schools, or youth organization. In the event of an emergency that would prevent a registered 5-member team from competing at the Area 7 Envirothon event, the Area 7 Envirothon committee may allow a team to compete with fewer than 5 members. (Also, see below about alternates.)
4. All teams must be accompanied to the event by a teacher/advisor. Teams will not be allowed to register or compete without an advisor. Advisors may leave the event site only in cases of emergency.
5. Teacher/advisors shall not accompany their teams during and after the exam rounds. Teachers/advisors may watch their own team during oral presentation but cannot provide feedback or interact with them in any way before, during, or immediately after the presentation.
6. Advisors will be responsible to ensure that teams display proper conduct during the competition.
7. If sickness or emergency prevents a registered team member from attending the Envirothon, an alternate may be sent. **Alternates listed MUST compete at the Area event in order to compete at the State Envirothon.** Teachers may list up to seven (7) total students per team on the area registration form – five (5) team members, and up to two (2) alternates. (We encourage you to list at least one alternate.)
8. All alternates not participating on their school team of five will be placed into groups of alternates and work through the stations as a team. Although these alternate teams will be scored, they will not be ranked with the other teams and will not be eligible for any of the awards.
9. Team members may carry note cards for the oral presentation to the area competition but **CANNOT CARRY NOTES TO THE STATE COMPETITION.**
10. Team members cannot carry tape or video recorders, books, cell phones, or other electronic devices with them during the competition, UNLESS such equipment is necessary and requested for the student(s) to participate (i.e. to reasonably accommodate those students covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and has been approved by the Envirothon Committee prior to the event. Exception: standard calculators (not scientific calculators) can be used. Teams using any other devices without prior approval will be penalized/disqualified.

11. Pictures are taken during the Envirothon event and may be used in future news articles or brochures. By participating in the Envirothon you are providing your approval to use your photograph.
12. Students may ask presenters for clarification of a question.
13. All area exams are worth a possible 20 points total, except for the oral presentation station (30 points). In case of a tie for first through third place teams, final score will be determined by the highest score in the following order of stations: the oral presentation, current issue, soils, water resources, forestry, and wildlife.
14. Teams may use up to three (3) visual aids for the oral presentation portion of the event. Students may not use electronic media (PowerPoint presentations) for their oral presentation. **Presentations should be 7–10 minutes (same as State Envirothon). A score reduction will be assessed for less than 7 minutes or over 10 minutes.** Highest total possible score for the oral presentation is 30 points. Teams that come from the same school must have different oral presentations. Final score is determined by taking the average of the judge's scores.
15. Junior teams will not be giving an oral presentation.
16. The presenters at each station score the exams. All judges and presenters decisions are final.
17. Use of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol is prohibited.
18. Teachers and students may not visit the site of the Envirothon the day before the event.
19. The top three (3) teams from the Area Envirothon compete at the State Envirothon.
20. In the event that the winning Area team is unable to attend the State Envirothon, the Area may send the next-place team.
21. Transportation to the Envirothon is the responsibility of the teacher/advisor.
22. Scores presented at the time of the award presentation are final and cannot be changed or contested. Answer guides for the day's event will be available upon request after the awards ceremony.
23. Rules and regulations of the Envirothon are subject to change. Rules are final as per the Envirothon Committee.