

Area 1 Envirothon Competition Rules and Regulations

- Students currently in grades 9 – 12 may participate in the Envirothon. Graduating seniors on winning teams may continue to participate in state and national competitions during the summer following Area competition.
- Each high school or vocational school is eligible to send **three** teams to the Area 1 competition. Teams will consist of a minimum of three members and a maximum of five members. All members on a team must be from the same high school or vocational school. (e.g. no all-star teams). Each school may select up to five alternates. Alternates CANNOT accompany the team to Area competition. However, if a regular team member is unable to compete, an alternate may be substituted in his or her place at the Area Envirothon. Advisors are to bring no more than 5 students the day of the competition.
- In order to compete in the Ohio Envirothon, all team members must have been registered at the Area competition. (Either in person competing or listed as an alternate) No teams will be allowed to compete with fewer than five team members at the State level. Up to 5 alternate team members may substitute for regular team members in the Ohio Envirothon if alternates were registered at Area competition with that team and are properly registered with that team at the Ohio Envirothon.
- A team advisor and/or Conservation District representative must accompany each school team to the competition. During the competition, each school team will stay together, and each test will be completed by a joint effort of the team members. The advisor or coach shall not have any contact with their team during the competition, under penalty of disqualification of the team.
- Area competition will consist of a minimum of two competing teams from that Area. There are five Areas in the state of Ohio, and each Area may send up to four teams to the State competition. Teams that go to State competition must have competed in an Area competition.
- Schools wishing to enter teams in Area I competition must submit registration forms, release forms, and a nonrefundable \$50.00 entry fee by the deadline each year. Entry fees may be paid or reimbursed by your local SWCD. Registration forms must be completed legibly.
- For each team member and alternates, a copy of their emergency medical authorization form and release form **MUST** be submitted. You may bring copies of your school's EMA form to the competition; however, the release forms must be submitted prior to the event. (Preferably with the registration packet) Failure to submit or bring these forms to the event will result in the team(s) not being allowed to compete.
- If more than 1 team from a school is participating, they shall be named Team #1 and Team #2 to differentiate. (No blue, gold, wildcat, etc.)
- Homeschool or Compound teams may compete as long as they are in the appropriate grade levels. Teams may only compete in 1 area competition per year even if they represent more than 1 area/county.
- Transportation will be the responsibility of each participating school team. In the event that a team arrives late, they will be placed in a group at the discretion of the competition administrator.
- The competition will be arranged in an Eco-Station format: Soils, Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatic Ecology. The current issue questions will be included in each of the other 4 station tests.
- Any and all materials needed will be provided for you at the site. Students are not to bring anything to the competition, including but not limited to cell phones, any electronic devices, Biltmore sticks, field guides, clipboards, backpacks, tape measures, etc. Should any such items be found team disqualification will result. Please notify the competition administrator if there are any medical needs that a student would need to bring an item(s) with them

throughout the day.

- The winning team will be the team with the highest cumulative points for the four stations. Tie breaker procedure will be determined and announced prior to the beginning of the competition. Judges' decisions are final on all events. Contested decisions will be reviewed by the Steering Committee.
- In preparation for the competition, study materials and resources may be obtained from the Area 1 website: www.area1envirothon.com, local SWCD office and other sources. However, teams or coaches may not request information or assistance from individuals who will be administering the tests in each of the five subject areas in the upcoming competition.
- Any suggestions for improvements to the rules and regulations will be considered by the Area and State steering committees. All changes in rules and procedures are based on the general consensus of the group.

State & NCF-Envirothon Rules & Details:

- First, second, third and fourth place teams advance to State competition. State competition will be held in June following the Area competition each year. Registration forms for the State Envirothon must be submitted by the announced deadline. An information packet with the State registration form will be provided to teams, at the completion of Area competition.
- In the event that any of the top 4 teams cannot advance to the Ohio Envirothon, the team(s) with the next highest score(s) will be eligible to compete. Teams unable to compete at the Ohio Envirothon must notify their Soil and Water Conservation District within 5 calendar days following the Area competition. That SWCD must then notify the Area Chair within 24 hours of confirmation. Area chairpersons are responsible for identifying the next eligible team and coordinating with their affiliated SWCD to ensure registration forms are submitted.
- The "Intent to Participate Form" and a check for \$100.00 must be sent within 5 calendar days to the State. *This is in addition to the \$100.00 registration fee and must be paid by each team. The fee will be refunded after the team competes at the Ohio Envirothon.
- The teams that advance to State will be in charge of their own entry fees, including but not limited to transportation, extra travel days, food outside of competition times, etc. If a team would advance to the NCF-Envirothon registration fee would be covered by the State but any travel, etc. would be up to the school attending. Financial assistance may be available through the local SWCD offices or from other sources.
- In State competition, the winning team will be the team with the highest cumulative total points for all the field events and the oral presentation. Awards at the State competition will be presented as follows: School plaque will go to the winning team; team awards will be given to the first, second and third place teams, and the high scoring team in each Eco-station and the oral presentation.
- The winning team at the State level will represent Ohio in the NCF-Envirothon, location will be announced annually. In the event that the winning team cannot represent Ohio in the NCF-Envirothon, the second-place team will go and so forth.