



# 2011 Rules

## MINNESOTA STATE ENVIROTHON

1. All students must be enrolled in grade levels 9-12 (or equivalent home school ranking). Top age for participation is 19 (based on Minnesota State High School League rules for participation).
2. Teams must consist of five (5) members from the same high school and/or organization/association. Students who attend a magnet school must compete with their magnet school Envirothon team, not their home district. Post-secondary options students can compete, but must compete with the team from their home school at which they are fully enrolled, unless they competed the previous year with a magnet school Envirothon team.
3. 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, or as part of an Envirothon sponsored training session.
4. If sickness or emergency prevents a registered team member from attending the State Envirothon, an alternate may be sent, provided that student participated at the Area competition. Teams may list up to seven (7) students on the registration form – five (5) team members and two (2) alternates. All members listed on the registration need to have **COMPETED** at the Area event.
5. In the event that the winning Area team is unable to attend the State Envirothon, the Area may send the next-place team.
6. Teams must have five (5) members to compete at the Canon Envirothon. If a five (5) member team who takes first place at the State Envirothon cannot meet the five (5) person requirement, the second place team may attend the Canon Envirothon.
7. The top three (3) teams from Area Envirothons compete at the State Envirothon. Area competitions may base their results on overall attendance at an area event and instead send one team per 60 students.
8. Teams may not bring any student not listed on the state registration form to the state competition. All alternates not participating on their school team 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 prizes or awards.
9. Team members cannot carry notes, tape or video recorders, books, cell phones, IPODs, PDAs 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 State 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**. *This includes cell phones that are in the students' pockets!*

10. Teacher/advisors shall not accompany their teams during and after the exam rounds. Teachers/advisors may watch their own team during oral presentations, but cannot provide feedback or interact with them in any way before, during, or immediately after the presentation.
11. Students may ask presenters for clarification of a question.
12. All exams are worth a possible 20 points total, with the exception of the oral presentation station (30 points). In case of a tie, the tie-breaker will be determined by the total number of tie-breaker questions correct. If there is still a tie, final score will be determined by the highest score in the following order of stations: the oral presentation, current issue, soils, aquatics, forestry, and wildlife.
13. The presenters at each station score the exams. All judges and presenters decisions are final.
14. Use of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol is prohibited.
15. Advisors will be responsible to ensure that teams display proper conduct during the competition.
16. Teachers and students may not visit the site of the State Envirothon the day before the event.
17. 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 visual aids. Presentations should be no longer than 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. The team with the highest oral presentation score will be asked to give their presentation in front of all the teams at the end of the event, prior to the award announcements.
18. Transportation to the State Envirothon is the responsibility of the teacher/advisor or local SWCD.
19. To ensure impartiality, organizers will not repeat judges and presenters that may have been involved in an Area event. In case of hardship, a presenter or judge may appear at the State event, but will be involved in a different station.
20. A travel stipend may be provided to the first place team from the Minnesota State competition traveling to the Canon Envirothon. Depending on the year's budget, there may not be funding for travel costs. It is the expectation of the winning team to cover their own costs to travel to the Canon Envirothon.
21. Learning and objectives and resources for the State Envirothon will be sent to advisors after the last area event.
22. Rules and regulations of the Minnesota State Envirothon are subject to change. Rules are final as per State Envirothon Committee.