



# 2012 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, in order to compete at the State Envirothon. Teams with less than five (5) students will be allowed to participate, but their scores will not count. 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. Alternate students listed **MUST** have competed at the Area event. Teams may list up to seven (7) total students on the registration form – five (5) team members, and up to two (2) alternates.

We encourage you to list 2 alternate students. HOWEVER, due to space limitations at McColl Pond, and an attempt to reduce costs, we will only allow each team to bring **1 alternate to the 2012 State Envirothon**. Alternates are only supposed to participate at the state event (with their team) in the event of an emergency [*i.e. family or medical emergency happens to an original team member*].

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. The top three (3) teams from Area Envirothon's 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.
7. Teams may not bring any student not listed on the state registration form to the state competition. All alternates attending but not participating with their team, will be placed into groups of alternates, and work through the stations as an "Alternate 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.
8. 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!*

9. 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.
10. Students may ask presenters for clarification of a question.
11. All exams are worth a possible 25 points total, with the exception of the oral presentation station (30 points). In case of a tie, the State Envirothon Committee will determine the winner by conducting a series of tie-breaker assessments, which have been pre-determined by the Committee.
12. The presenters at each station score the exams. All judges and presenters decisions are final.
13. Use of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol is prohibited.
14. Advisors will be responsible to ensure that teams display proper conduct during the competition.
15. Teachers and students may not visit the site of the State Envirothon the day before the event.
16. 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 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.
17. Transportation to the State Envirothon is the responsibility of the teacher/advisor or local SWCD.
18. Learning and objectives and resources for the State Envirothon will be sent to advisors after the last area event.
19. Rules and regulations of the Minnesota State Envirothon are subject to change. Rules are final as per State Envirothon Committee.
20. Canon (national) Envirothon: 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. 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.