

# **CONNECTICUT ENVIROTHON GUIDELINES FOR ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

## **Preparation**

1. The oral presentation scenario will be determined by the Connecticut Envirothon Steering Committee based on the national Envirothon Current Issue of the Year. The scenario will be released to the teams by email and available on the web site in February preceding the competition.
2. Each team's rotation schedule will be determined randomly at the start of the competition.

## **Materials**

1. Teams should bring these materials to the event in a large plastic bag labeled with their school name. Materials will be held in an assigned secure area at the beginning of the competition and given to the team before the presentation.

2. Each team should bring the following prepared materials:

- One standard-size poster board, flip chart page or three-fold display board not to exceed 3' by 4'. Put your school name (small size) on the back of the poster. (These will be displayed after the testing.)
- Two 4x6 note cards per student. They will be attached to the team's scoring sheet.
- A neatly typed **Works Cited** list, in MLA format, of all sources used to prepare the oral presentation scenario. If more than 1 page long, please print double sided.

-Prepared materials, both posters and cards and **Works Cited** list, must be submitted at check-in. They will be held in a secure area and given to the team before their presentation.

-The **Works Cited** sheet must be handed in directly to the judges before beginning the oral presentation portion of the competition. It will be attached to the team's scoring sheet.

3. No electronic materials (Power Point, etc.) may be used for the presentation.

## **Presentation**

1. Presentations are to be a total of 15 minutes divided as follows:
  - 10 minutes for the actual presentation. Points will be deducted from the team score if their presentation is less than 9 or more than 10 minutes.
  - 5 minutes for questions and answers
2. Teams must wear the official Connecticut Envirothon T-shirt for the presentation. No articles with school identification such as hats, etc. will be permitted. Each team member is expected to make a significant contribution to the presentation.
3. The testing area or room should be free of distractions.
4. Each presentation room will have a monitor/timekeeper who will notify the teams when there are 3 minutes and 1 minute remaining in their presentation time.
5. Each presentation room may also have a videographer who will record the presentations. Tapes will be made available to team advisors.
6. Only the team members, judges, monitor/timekeeper, videographer and a maximum of two committee members, sponsors, or members of the press will be allowed in the presentation room or area. No one will be permitted to enter or leave during the presentation.

## **Judging and Scoring**

1. All judges must attend an orientation and training prior to the competition.
2. Prior to the competition, each judge will receive a packet of materials including general information about Envirothon, the Oral Presentation Guidelines and Scoring Rubric, and background information on the current issue topic.
3. A panel of three judges will be assigned to each presentation room.
4. Alternate judges will be on hand to fill any vacancies.
5. At least one of the three judges should be an expert in the current issue topic.
6. Each judge will ask one question of the presenting team.
7. These questions will be predetermined and relatively uniform for each team.
8. All judges will use the same scoring rubric.
9. The oral presentation will count for 100 points or one-fifth of the total score for the competition.
10. The scores of the judges will be averaged to obtain a final oral presentation score.
11. All decisions of the judges are final.
12. Any team violating the rules of the competition will be disqualified.

## **Wildcard Teams**

Wildcard Teams will not have a prepared oral presentation. There will be an alternate activity related to the Current Issue for Wildcard Teams.