



## Rules and Regulations

1. Students must be registered in grades 9-12 for the current school year to compete in an Envirothon Competition.
2. Teams consist of five members from the same school and/or organization/association. (i.e., no “all-star” teams). No more than two teams may enter from each school or organization.
  - Alternate team members may substitute for regular team members in the state competition **if properly registered with that team prior to the start of competition.** Alternates may not attend the competition unless they are taking the place of a registered team member unable to attend the contest and are pre-registered.
3. Teams must be accompanied by an adult advisor/teacher. It is suggested that both an adult male and female advisor accompany a co-ed team. Advisors may be required to accompany teams other than their own team to testing stations but cannot offer assistance in answering test questions or tasks.
4. Advisors will not assist or accompany their teams during the actual competition.
5. Team advisors will be responsible for assuring that team members display proper conduct during the competition and at the host facility.
6. No team or any one member is allowed to leave the competition venue without approval from the event host.
7. A Registration fee to cover the cost of materials and meals during the state competition will be assessed. Financial assistance may be available to cover registration fees. Contact your local Conservation District.
8. Transportation, lodging and meals will be the responsibility of each participating team, unless otherwise specified.
9. During the oral competition, team members must wear the provided Montana Envirothon T-shirt. Each team member must participate in the 10-minute oral presentation.
10. Judges’ decisions are final on all events. In the event of an overall team tie, the tie will be broken by the highest oral presentation score.
11. Team members are **not to use or be in possession** of cell phones, smart watches, recording devices such as tape recorders or video cameras, etc. during the competition. ***If caught with these items your team will be disqualified.***
12. Reference materials **may not be used during an Envirothon competition.** Any materials necessary for completion of an Envirothon event will be provided to all teams equally by the

Envirothon committee or the resource person or persons responsible for an individual station or event. Reference materials include, but are not limited to; field guides, soil surveys, maps, diagrams, life histories or other printed materials; audio tapes, video tapes or any other recorded material.

13. If the winning team elects not to attend the NCF-Envirothon competition, the second-place team is eligible. For a winning team to remain eligible to attend, the majority of the members who attended the state competition must remain on the team.
14. Cheating during any Envirothon event will result in a team being disqualified.
15. Stealing of, or vandalism to, personnel, private or public property, before, during or after any Envirothon event, will result in a team being disqualified.
16. Tobacco, drugs, and alcohol are prohibited during any Envirothon competition and will result in a team being disqualified.
17. Any infraction of the rules and regulations of the Montana Envirothon could result in disqualification and dismissal from the event and host site by the event coordinators. A committee of three (3) persons will be appointed and identified prior to an Envirothon competition to decide on actions to be taken should any infraction of the rules or regulations occur, related to an Envirothon, before, during or after an Envirothon. Because students compete in Envirothon as a team, the actions of one or two members of a team may be considered to be the actions of the team as a whole.
18. Medical release and parental consent forms will be provided for each team member attending the competition. If both forms for each participating team member are not obtained by the registration committee by the start of competition, the team will be unable to participate.
19. Montana Envirothon will pay the NCF-Envirothon registration fee for the winning team. The winning team will be expected to participate in fund raising efforts toward attendance at the NCF Competition.
20. Rules and Regulations of the Envirothon are subject to change. Any and all relevant changes will be explained to all teams and advisors at an affected Envirothon competition.
21. Any suggestions for improvement of the Envirothon Rules and Regulations or Procedures will be considered by the State Envirothon Steering Committee. The Committee meets regularly to formulate and critique each year's program. All changes to the Rules and Regulations are based on a general consensus of the Committee.
22. The placings are determined by the total test scores and the preliminary oral presentation scores.
23. Awards for the State Envirothon will consist of:
  - Certificates of Participation to all Envirothon competitors.
  - Medallions will be presented to each member of the teams placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the competition as well as High-Test Score.
  - Station Awards will be awarded to individual teams by each of the station leaders.
  - Team Awards will be given to the State champions, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, High Test Score and High Current Issue Presentation for display in their school or meeting place.