
Colorado Envirothon Rules and Regulations

1. Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to compete. Student teams may be formed from a high school, 4-H club, FFA club, or any other sanctioned local, regional, state, or nationally recognized club that sponsors youth in grades 9-12.
2. A registration fee of \$100.00 will be assessed to each Team that attends the Colorado Envirothon. A first year attending team will be granted a waiver. The registration fee will be used toward expenses of the Colorado Envirothon manual and subsequent yearly updates, and the Colorado Envirothon competition. The fee is non-refundable if a team is unable to participate or cancels within one month of the competition.
3. Each team that participates at the state competition will consist of five members.
4. Once teams have qualified for the state competition and winners identified, the teams are prohibited from visiting the Colorado State Envirothon competition site.
5. Illegal drugs are not permitted. Any member of a team under 21 years of age using tobacco against State Law, and/or any team member that has possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or weapons (including but not limited to: fire arms, pocket knives, hunting knives, Leatherman/all- purpose tools, and/or self- protection sprays) will cause disqualification of the entire team from the competition.
6. The Colorado Envirothon Steering Committee requires a completed and signed health form and is to be informed of all participants taking prescription drugs and any medical condition including medication administered by an inhaler or mechanical device, special diets, allergies, and special learning and/or training disabilities. Upon such notification, the Colorado Envirothon Steering Committee will make any reasonable accommodations within their limits. All medications must be labeled with the name of the medication, name of the patient, name of the physician, date and directions (e.g. specific dose for administration). Prescription medication must be labeled by a registered pharmacist unless ordered from a pharmaceutical company. Safe refrigeration will be supplied by the committee if needed.
7. If there are both male and female members on a team, a male and female advisor must be provided for the teams that will be staying overnight at the Colorado Envirothon. The Colorado Envirothon must be notified of sponsor identity and overnight accommodations prior to the beginning of the state competition. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the disqualification of the team.
8. Advisors will be responsible to ensure that teams display proper conduct and respect during the competition and at the host facility. In most host facilities, overseeing final clean-up of rooms by the teams is also the responsibility of the advisor.
9. At least one advisor must be on site at all times. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the disqualification of the team.

10. Because of liability, team members and advisors **MUST** honor specific rules put forward by the host facility. These rules will be spelled out in the first orientation and normally require such actions as whether the advisors and students remain on site, areas that are off limits, whether or not swimming/boating is allowed, etc. Details of these rules will be provided in writing to each advisor at that time. Failure to follow these rules can lead to legal problems if there is an accident.
11. Transportation and meals in route to the Colorado Envirothon will be the responsibility of the participating team and their sponsoring entity..
12. **Any team or team member that break(s) any rules will cause the disqualification of the entire team.**

Electronic Equipment Policy

1. To ensure fairness and equity during the Colorado Envirothon Program, all cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, audio equipment, tape recorders, etc. must be relinquished to the advisors at the initial onset of the Colorado Envirothon Competition. Students may use these items only after they have concluded the competition. At that time, the students may use a cell phone to contact their parents or guardians. When finished with the phone call, the cell phone must be returned back to the advisor.
2. Cameras and video equipment are not to be used during the Training portion of the Colorado Envirothon. Cameras may be used during the Competition portion by the advisors only for promotional and recognition purposes.
3. During the Colorado Envirothon competition, students are not allowed to have access to or use computers or laptops. Advisors may use them for personal use only.
4. Any student caught using an electronic device before the Colorado Envirothon activities are finished for the day and will receive a 25 point reduction. The 25 point reduction will be applied to the team's total test score. For example, if a 5-member team were to have 5 students break the rule, that team would have a total deduction of 125 points.
5. The Colorado Envirothon is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged, electronic devices nor the replacement cost of student electronic devices brought to the competition.

Competition Rules

1. The competition will be conducted by the Colorado Envirothon Steering Committee which is made up of State and Regional Conservation District personnel and cooperating resource agencies and/or independent environmental organization personnel.
2. The Colorado Envirothon competition may consist of two (2) parts: 1) an oral presentation of 8-10 minutes and 2) the test scores from each of the five resource areas. Teams will be required to participate in the presentation portion, which will be a 6th test station at the Colorado Envirothon, in order to be eligible to win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, and the right to represent Colorado at the National Envirothon. The presentation scores will be factored into the overall cumulative score determining the Colorado Envirothon winner. Overall scores will be determined at equal 1/6th value for each of the 5 resource stations and the oral presentation.
 - 2a. In the event of no oral presentations, scoring will consist of one (1) part: the test scores from each of the five resource areas. Overall scores will be determined at equal 1/5th value for each of the 5 resource stations.
3. For the competition- all team members must wear appropriate outdoor attire. Teams are prohibited from wearing clothing that has any logo, picture or county identification. Plain solid color shirts will be required for all team members.
4. During the Envirothon competition, advisors, Conservation District personnel and parents are prohibited from traveling from station to station to observe the event. **Aiding their own team or the perception of aiding is a grievous action by another team.**
5. Teams will be issued a clipboard at the beginning of the competition. At each station they will be given a test to complete. All materials/guides/keys/equipment and other reference materials needed to complete the test will be available at the station. Teams are not allowed to carry any other materials/equipment, etc. with them during the competition.
6. The winning team that will represent Colorado at the National Envirothon will be the team with the highest cumulative total points. In case of a tie in scores between two or more teams: the team with the highest score in the Environmental Issue area will take the lead. If this also results in a tie score, then the team with the highest score in Soils will take the lead. Beyond these tie breakers, a winner will be determined by the highest score in the following order: Aquatics, Forestry, and Wildlife.
7. Should a finding or awarding of points be disputed by an advisor, the Colorado Envirothon Steering Committee has set up a panel to hear the dispute and make a ruling. This panel will consist of judges from the issue areas. The decision of this panel will be final. Any disputes or concerns are to be formally presented in writing within one half hour of the end of the competition, duly signed by the advisor or their representative (or as explained by the Colorado Envirothon Steering Committee prior to the competition). Necessary action on the original dispute will be taken by the Steering Committee per the panel ruling.

Other

1. An evaluation form will be developed by the Colorado Envirothon Steering Committee. Cooperating agencies, advisors and participants involved in the competition will be requested to complete an evaluation of the competition following the competition. The suggestions by the participants will aid the Colorado Envirothon Steering Committee in making the Colorado Envirothon a strong, dynamic learning experience for everybody.
2. Rules and regulations of the Colorado Envirothon are subject to change. Any and all changes will be explained in advance to all teams and advisors.