

ORAL PRESENTATION RULES AND REGULATIONS REVISED January 2023

The oral presentation component will be totaled into the team's final score just like the five other components (soil/land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and current issue). It will be one-sixth (1/6) of the final score. The problem-solving oral presentation will be conducted as follows:

1. The oral presentation problem is based on the NCF Current Issue and will be available on the New York State Envirothon website by the end of January. This will give all teams sufficient time to prepare.
2. The 2023 NYS Envirothon Oral Presentation portion of the contest will use Google Slides to generate their presentation graphics.
3. Students will create a Maximum of 20-slide slideshow in Google Slides. NO sounds, video clips, videos or slide transition animations may be used. This slide show will be emailed to the NYS Envirothon NYSEnvirothon2023@gmail.com **12 PM on Friday May 19, 2023. If not received on time significant points will be reduced or possible disqualification may result.**
 - **Make sure that you have removed the permission settings, or make sure you have received a notice that we have received your presentation.**
 - **Do NOT assume we have received it. Make sure we acknowledge it.**
4. **Go to <https://docs.google.com/presentation/u/0/> in your account to create your slideshow. Make sure setting allows the document to be shared.**
5. These are the only items a team is permitted to use to develop its presentation, including all visuals that will be used during its presentation. Use of any other materials are prohibited.
 - Google Slides
 - Flash Drive per team
 - a. Each flash drive will be labeled with a team number
 - b. A backup copy of your team's presentation should be loaded on this and brought to the event.
 - Notecards
 - a. Each Team will have five (5) note cards, size 4"x6" to utilize for their presentation
 - Pencils- 5
 - *Your Soil & Water Conservation District will provide these materials for the state oral presentation.*
6. Rules and Guidelines for PowerPoint Presentations
 - **Only** graphics and pictures created by the team may be utilized on slides. Any other material needs to be cited in references on the last slide.
 - The use of videos or sound on Google Slides is prohibited.
 - No animation features can be utilized for slide transition, or on the slide itself.
 - A maximum of twenty (20) slides can be used per presentation.
 - NO role playing or Skit scenarios are allowed.
 - Slide shows are final at the time they are turned in on Friday May 19, 2023, by 12 PM.
 - Pencils will not be present at the practice session. All note cards are final when they are inspected Wednesday.
7. Students should plan to register in the Smith Library - at least 30 minutes before their assigned presentation time. Presentations will take place in Stern Hall.

8. A time schedule will be available online (www.NYSEnvirothon.net) and teams must show up for their allotted time and be prepared to present.
9. Each team will have ten minutes for its presentation before the Envirothon judges, and then judges will have five minutes to ask the students questions. Presentations should be between 8 and 10 minutes. Presentations less than 8 minutes or longer than 10 minutes will lose points off the score.
10. A timekeeper will remind the students of each of the last three minutes of the presentation time. Points will be deducted for less than 8 minutes, and the presentation will be stopped at 10 minutes.
11. Team members are required to wear their 2023 NYS Envirothon issued T-shirts. No clothing identifying school or county origin will be allowed.
12. Teams will be assigned a number that the judges will use to identify them for judging.
13. The oral presentation will take place during the first day-Wednesday, May 24th.
14. A laptop computer (with your presentation preloaded), projector and slide advancer will be provided in your presentation room. The presentation room's Timekeeper will accept your jump drive when you enter the room.
15. Teams need to report to the staging area (Smith Library) 30 minutes prior to their presentation time **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
16. A panel of five (5) judges will score the oral presentations using the score sheets provided on the website.
17. Teams should include both pros and cons in their presentation.
18. All 5 members must have a speaking part. Points will be deducted if all five (5) members do not participate. The alternate will not be allowed to participate.
19. All references should be cited on the last slide of presentation. **Students may use both sides of the index cards for their notes.**

Materials **NOT ACCECTABLE** for use and could be counted towards a disqualification of the team:

Pens or ink of any kind
Sounds, graphic motions, or video clips
Edited slide shows after May 19th, 2023 @ 12 PM
Anything NOT included in the OP packet

- Students should be prepared to talk on the topic and not read facts from the slides. Slides that are heavy on text and read from will not receive a high score. Slideshows will be inspected prior to presentations will be previewed for three things: no more than twenty (20) slides, no motion, sound bites or video clips and references. Also, no cell phones, ear buds or digital devices are allowed in the room. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- Each team member is allowed to use one prepared note card (4" x 6"only) to aid them. Index cards may not be included as part of the visual aids. Notes must be handwritten with the pencils provided. Students may use both sides of the index cards. **ALL INDEX CARDS MUST BE HANDWRITTEN! NO PRINTED OR TYPED MATERIAL WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Teams using anything but the materials given to them for their Oral Presentation will be subject to disqualification.

- Students should collaborate with fellow team members to prepare for the problem-solving presentation. Teachers and coaches should not prepare their teams presentation. The NYS Envirothon Committee will not answer questions about the scenario, teams are expected to interpret it on their own.
- Teams may organize team members in any way but are reminded all team members must participate. Costumes or "dressing the part" and roll playing, or "skits" are not allowed. Event T-shirts must be worn during the presentation. **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- There is to be no direct contact with the judges before, during, or after the presentation. No brochures, handouts, pamphlets, etc. will be allowed to be distributed to them.
- Advisors are allowed in the room to watch the presentation **ONLY** if the team members permit it. Advisors are not to speak, give any signals, leave the room, or influence the presentation in any way. *Note: Please arrive one hour before your scheduled presentation time. Presentation times cannot be changed*
- It is the school's responsibility to make sure the team receives their Oral Presentation packet.
- Any concerns or disputes from advisors will be addressed by an independent jury to hear the dispute and make a ruling. This decision will be final. Any disputes or concerns are to be formally presented in an email submitted to the NY State Envirothon Chairperson within one hour of the end of the competition.
- English is the designated language of the NYS Envirothon. All written tests and oral presentation scenarios will be in English.
- All oral component and test scores are final. All materials submitted will remain the property of the New York State Envirothon Committee.