

Rules for the 2009 Presentations

The oral presentation will be completed by the students **BEFORE** they arrive at the State Envirothon. The project and any additional supporting material will be posted to the Maryland Web site on May 18, 2009. Between May 18th and May 28th, teachers may e-mail questions to Cheryle Franceschi at mdenvirothonquestions@verizon.net. On June 1st, these questions and answers will be posted on the Maryland Web sites.

At the State Event, the presentations will be given on Tuesday afternoon and will be judged by professionals from various state organizations and agencies. Teams will be presenting on a schedule to be determined. The presentation schedule will not be distributed to teams prior to registration Tuesday afternoon. These preliminary scores will be used to decide the top FIVE presentations and not the team placement in the final round.

After all teams have presented, the top FIVE teams will give their presentations to a new panel of judges. All other students will be in the auditorium watching the top five presentations. The second round of scores will decide first, second, and third place for the presentation portion of the event and will be added to the other 4 categories to determine the teams placing over all in the competition. The following guidelines will be used for both rounds of the presentation.

1. Presentation materials (note cards, overheads, etc.) will be turned into the State Committee **AS YOU REGISTER**. Visual aids and note cards will be returned as the students enter the classroom to present that evening. We suggest that you turn in **ALL** materials for your presentation in a bag clearly marked with your county's name. For your presentation, you will **ONLY** be able to use what was turned in at registration.
2. After the first presentation, students will return their bags to the committee. Students should have all presentation materials in the bag for the final round. Students will be able to pick up their presentation materials after the final 5 have presented. Those not picked up by Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. will be disposed.
3. The state oral team presentation Teams will be given three (3) minutes to set up their presentation. Team presentations will be ten (10) minutes maximum in length followed by three (3) minutes of questions to team members by the judges. Teams will be timed and cut off at the three, ten, and three minute marks.
4. Students will be given a 5, 3, and 1 minute warning signal during their presentations.
5. All five (5) team members must participate orally in the presentation. If a team comes with an alternate, the alternate **WILL NOT** compete in this part of the competition.

6. Any combination of the following items can be used during the State Presentations:
- 3" x 5" inch note cards
 - 3 pieces of standard 22 x 28 inch poster board. Both sides of the poster board may be used
 - 3 Overheads
 - 3 Power Point Slides (template is on the Maryland Envirothon Web site)

NOTE: Foam boards or science backboards **ARE NOT allowed

7. 3 Power Points slides are acceptable, but you must follow these given guidelines:
- Student's **MUST** use the template that will be on the Maryland Envirothon Web site: www.mascd.net/envirothon/
 - All text **MUST** be in Times New Roman
 - Presentations **MUST** be saved and brought to the event on a CD, Jump Drive, **AND** printed out in hard copy
 - Presentations **MUST** be saved on Microsoft PowerPoint Version 2003
 - Power Points **MAY NOT** include flashy sounds, transitions, and moving letters
 - The Power Point will be used as a **VISUAL** for the presentation and not **BE** the presentation
 - Please e-mail your power point slides to your coach. If something should happen to your power point in transit, coaches will be allowed to recopy the power point at the state event.
8. Power Points will be viewed by the State Committee before the actual presentation. Previewing the slides will allow us to make sure that they can be viewed on the computers that we are using for the event. Should anything inappropriate be found on the CD, Jump Drive, poster boards, or overheads, the material will not be allowed to be used at the event.
9. Anything in addition to the note cards, posters, overheads, and power points (such as music, costumes, and stop watches) will not be allowed.
10. During the presentation, student's clothing will not reflect their school, county or city.