

Kansas Envirothon Competition Rules

A. Participation Requirements

1. Participation in the Kansas Envirothon events is open to students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 or equivalent home school ranking in the current school year.
2. All teams must be affiliated with their local conservation district.
3. Each team will consist of five students from the same school, home-schooled group or local organization.
 - a. Any team that is classified under a home-schooled group or local organization must have prior approval from the Kansas Envirothon Committee in order to compete in the Envirothon program.
 - b. Schools, home-schooled groups or local organizations that draw students from multiple counties will be allowed to have Envirothon team members who reside in adjoining counties. Such teams will represent the county in which the school or organization is based.
4. An adult team advisor representing the school, home-schooled group or local organization will accompany the team(s) during organized competition activities.
 - a. Advisors will be responsible for the behavior of team members and ensure that teams display proper conduct during the competition and at the host facilities.
 - b. Teams must arrange for chaperones for male and female team members if overnight travel is required.
5. Conservation districts will submit a Participation Intent Form and registration fees for the teams from their county by March 1 of the competition year.
6. All participants (team members, advisors, volunteers and staff) must submit a completed Attendees Release Form prior to the start of competition.
7. Participants or sponsoring organizations will not be excluded due to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.
8. Tobacco, drugs and alcohol are prohibited during any part of Envirothon competitions. Rules applicable to the local area or host facilities will also be enforced.

B. Competition Rules

1. Regional Competitions
 - a. Teams may participate in only one regional competition.
 - b. A limit of five teams per school or organization may participate in regional events.
 - c. Certification of team members is not required for regional competitions.
 - d. Teams with fewer than five members will be allowed to compete at Regional events.
 - e. Teams will be tested in Aquatic Ecology, Current Issue, Forestry, Rangeland, Soils and Wildlife at Regional events, with each test worth 100 points.
2. Kansas Envirothon Competition
 - a. One team from each school or sponsoring organization may compete in the Kansas Envirothon.

- b. Members of each team participating in the Kansas Envirothon will be certified by the team advisor by noon of the second day following the regional event that the team attends. Five team alternates may be listed on the certification form. Any changes or substitutions other than replacing a team member with an alternate are not allowed without a compelling reason and prior approval of the Kansas Envirothon Committee.
 - c. No extra team members (more than five per team) will be allowed to participate in the Kansas Envirothon.
 - d. Teams with fewer than five members may be allowed to participate with approval of the Kansas Envirothon Committee.
 - e. Teams will be tested in Aquatic Ecology, Current Issue, Forestry, Soils and Wildlife, with each test worth 100 points. Two tie-breaker questions will be placed at the end of each test and labelled as such.
 - f. Teams are required to participate in the Oral Presentation component, which will be worth 100 points. Specific requirements and the oral presentation scenario will be posted on the Kansas Envirothon website each year.
 - g. The Kansas Envirothon champion team will represent Kansas in the NCF Envirothon competition. If for any reason that team cannot participate in the NCF Envirothon, the second place team will be the Kansas representative.
3. General Rules
- a. Possession or use of electronic devices of any kind by team members or advisors is prohibited during Envirothon competition.
 - b. Advisors may participate in training sessions during the competition, but will not have contact with team members during testing or Oral Presentation rounds. Advisors may observe their team's Oral Presentation with the permission of their team captain.
 - c. Overall team placements will be determined by the cumulative point totals from the resource tests and oral presentation.
 - d. Awards as determined by the Kansas Envirothon Committee will be presented to winning teams at the Kansas Envirothon.
 - e. Infractions of these rules or cheating in any form may result in penalties or disqualification from the event.
 - f. Judges' decisions are final.
 - g. Envirothon competitions will adhere to the rules of the Kansas State High School Activities Association when applicable.
 - h. Expenses for transportation, meals and lodging for Envirothon competitions will be the responsibility of the teams and/or conservation district.
 - i. These rules are subject to change at the discretion of the Kansas Envirothon Committee. Any changes will be explained to teams and advisors prior to the start of competition.