



Coalition for Conservation and Environmental Education (C<sup>2</sup>E<sup>2</sup>)

**ND STATE ENVIROTHON COMMITTEE**  
**COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS**

*Approved as of: April 1, 2008*

1. Only students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to compete in the ND State Envirothon.
  - a. This program is offered to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age or sexual orientation.
2. Each team must be affiliated with a Soil Conservation District or an equivalent conservation agency.
3. Each team will consist of five students with one alternate from the same school and/or organization/association. Members may not be drawn from different schools (i.e. no “all-star” teams).
  - a. A list of all the team members, advisors and alternate must be submitted at least one month before the ND State Envirothon competition to the State Envirothon Committee (SEC).
  - b. Advisors must provide a Health and Photo Release Form for each Envirothon participant.
4. Registration forms must be typed or neatly printed and submitted along with a \$50 non-refundable registration fee two months prior to the ND State Envirothon competition. The fee will, in part, go toward the meals and other related expenses for the event.
  - a. Late registrations received after the deadline and one month prior to the Envirothon will be imposed a late registration fee of \$50.00. Late or illegible forms may be rejected.
5. Meals, housing and T-shirts will be provided for a five (5) member team, alternate and two adult advisors. Additional guests may purchase meals, housing and a T-shirt at an established rate set by the SEC. All team members must wear their Envirothon T-shirt during the Oral Presentation portion of the ND state competition.
  - a. The ND State Envirothon competition shall last two and a half days (two nights).
6. Each team must be accompanied by same gender chaperones, for male and female members at the ND State Envirothon competition. Advisors will be responsible to assure that teams display proper conduct during the competition and at the host facility. The SEC will not be responsible for improperly chaperoned teams.
  - a. Teams must be accompanied by a Trail Guide during the competition. Advisors cannot offer assistance during the competition.
7. Tobacco, illegal drugs, alcohol, firearms, knives or any weapons are prohibited during the entire stay and competition. Rules will be strictly adhered to.
  - a. Team members are not to use or be in possession of any electronic devices, except a calculator if required for the competition.
  - b. The General Regulations of the ND High School Activities Association apply to all Envirothon activities.
8. Transportation and meals in route to and from the ND State Envirothon competition will be the responsibility of each participating team.
9. The dates to hold the ND State Envirothon competition shall be selected annually by the SEC and shall be held between April 1 and July 1.

10. The SEC will provide materials and resources to sponsors which they may share with interested teams to prepare for the ND State Envirothon competition. Study and reference materials may not be used during the competition; however, the SEC may provide identification keys or equipment to teams if necessary.
  - a. The competition will be held rain or shine. Participants should be prepared to encounter poison ivy, ticks, mud, water, etc.
  
11. There shall be five (5) study areas: forestry, soils, water/aquatics, wildlife and a current environmental issue which changes each year.
  - a. The current environmental issue shall be announced no less than one year in advance.
  - b. The testing will be conducted by cooperating agencies and/or independent natural resource/environmental professionals.
  - c. The oral presentations will be a problem-solving exercise.
  
12. All judges will be selected by the SEC and their decisions are **FINAL** on all events.
  - a. Any and all appeals will be resolved by the Rules Committee in a timely manner. The Rules Committee consists of the Envirothon Coordinator and at least two members of the North Dakota State Envirothon Committee (see Appeal Guidelines).
  
13. Scoring for the ND State Envirothon will be as follows:
  - a. The winning team will be the team with the highest cumulative point total at the end of the events.
  - b. Each team will be given a problem-solving exercise and asked to give an oral presentation. Final placements will be the cumulative total of the test score, plus the oral presentation score.
  - c. If a student or advisor is caught cheating during the competition, the entire team will be disqualified.
  - d. A school may be billed for damages relating to an act of theft or vandalism committed by members of a team representing that school any time before, during or after the competition.
  
14. Awards for the ND State Envirothon will be announced prior to the competition and may consist of:
  - a. Medallions will be presented to each member of the winning teams.
  - b. The first place team will receive the ND State Envirothon traveling trophy to be held for one year. This trophy must be returned and passed on to the next year's first place team.
  - c. The SEC may issue awards to the second and third place teams.
  - d. The winning team may attend the Canon Envirothon. If the winning team opts not to attend the Canon Envirothon, the team with the next highest cumulative score is eligible.
  
15. Rules and regulations of the ND State Envirothon are subject to change by the SEC. Any and all relevant changes will be explained to all teams and advisors at an affected competition.
  - a. Any infraction of the rules and regulations of the ND State Envirothon could result in disqualification and dismissal of the team from the event and host site.
  - b. Any suggestions or improvements regarding the rules and regulations will be gladly considered by the SEC. All changes are based on the consensus of the SEC.

