

## **AREA 2 ENVIROTHON**

### **Rules and Regulations**

1. Students currently in grades 9 through 12 or equivalent home school ranking at the time of the Envirothon may participate.
2. Each team will consist of five team members. **TO BE ELIGIBLE TEAMS MUST REGISTER AND COMPETE WITH 5 TEAM MEMBERS.** All team members must be students from the same high school or home school association. Each high school may bring two teams. A high school team is composed of 9-12th graders, regardless of how many different buildings and/or locations house them.
3. Up to 5 alternate team members may substitute for regular team members if alternates were registered with that team prior to the Area Envirothon. Alternates not substituting for a regular team member may not attend. **ONLY THE FIVE PARTICIPATING TEAM MEMBERS MAY ATTEND THE AREA ENVIROTHON.**
4. The four top-scoring teams will be eligible to compete in the Ohio Envirothon. In the event that any of the top four teams cannot advance to the Ohio Envirothon, the team with the next highest score(s) will be eligible to compete. Teams unable to compete at the Ohio Envirothon must notify their affiliated SWCD within five calendar days following the area competition. That district must in turn contact the area chairperson within 24 hours of notification. Area chairpersons are responsible for identifying the next eligible team and coordinating with their affiliated SWCD to ensure registration forms are submitted.
5. Teams that arrive late to the Envirothon may compete but may not make up any of the Ecostations. Teams can only begin the competition at the beginning of a rotation.
6. Each team must be accompanied by an adult team advisor(s) and/or conservation district representative 21 years of age or older to the Envirothon event.
7. The field test will consist of five ecosystem stations lasting 25-30 minutes.
8. All materials/equipment needed will be provided by the Area Envirothon Committee. Students may only have in their possession supplied materials, pencils and clipboards. Emergency medication or medical equipment may be brought if indicated on medical form, example: insulin or inhaler. A district team leader will carry these supplies during the contest. Students need to identify their special need to their assigned team leader prior to the first test site.
9. The following violations will not be tolerated during the envirothon;
  - a. Stealing of, or vandalism to, personal, private or public property
  - b. Cheating in any form

- c. Possession and/or use of tobacco, alcohol or controlled substances
  - d. The use of a cell phone
10. A Grievance Committee of three persons will be announced prior to the testing and will decide on actions to be taken should any of the above stated violations occur. Because students compete in the Envirothon as a team, the actions of one or more members of a team may be considered to be the actions of the team as a whole.
    - An Envirothon team may be disqualified from advancing to the next level of competition.
    - A school may be barred from the Area Envirothon competition for a period of time, depending on the nature and severity of the incident.
    - A school or individual may be billed for damages.
  11. Any infraction of the Rules of the Area Envirothon may result in disqualification and dismissal from the event and host site.
  12. There will be a drawing prior to the competition to determine which ecostation(s) will be the tiebreaker(s) between two teams that have equal scores.
  13. Rules and regulations of the Area 2 Envirothon are subject to change by the Area Envirothon Committee. Any and all changes will be provided in advance to all teams and advisors.

### **List of Resources to Study for Envirothon:**

[www.envirothon.org](http://www.envirothon.org)

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/8652/Default.aspx>

[http://www.epa.gov/owow\\_keep/NPS/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/owow_keep/NPS/index.html)

[www.dnr.state.oh.us](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us)

[www.hach.com/h2ou/h2wtrqual.htm](http://www.hach.com/h2ou/h2wtrqual.htm)

[www.dnr.state.oh.us/water/pubs/pdfs/fctsht18.pdf](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/water/pubs/pdfs/fctsht18.pdf)

<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>