

**PENNSYLVANIA ENVIROTHON**  
**Oral Presentation Component**  
**Rules and Guidelines**

The oral presentation component is mandatory and all teams participating at the Pennsylvania State Envirothon are required to participate. The oral presentation component will be scored separately from the field testing exams. The oral presentation score will be one-sixth of the overall score when combined with the five field test scores. Oral presentation component scores will be tallied and the high and low score for each team will be discarded and the remaining scores will be averaged.

The problem solving oral presentation component will be conducted as follows:

1. The **scenario** for the oral presentation **will be posted** on the Pennsylvania Envirothon website ([www.envirothonpa.org](http://www.envirothonpa.org)) on **Wednesday, May 13, 2015**. It will also be emailed to all county Envirothon coordinators on this day. This will give most teams' ample time to prepare.
2. **Teachers/Advisors are encouraged to NOT prepare their team's presentation, but to only provide general guidance, such as review the rubric and clarify the scenario.** Questions about the content of the scenario will not be answered by the Pennsylvania Envirothon (i.e. interpret the scenario on your own).
3. The oral presentation component will take place during the first day – Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Teams should plan to register at least one hour and fifteen minutes prior to their assigned presentation time.
4. A time schedule is included with the registration packet and the team must show up for their scheduled time. If there is a conflict with this time, the team must contact the Pennsylvania Envirothon at the numbers listed below.
5. Each team member **may bring his/her prepared note cards** (no larger than 4" x 6") for the presentation. **No other items (props, notes, tablet paper, etc.) may be taken into the preparation room.**
6. **No electronic devices are allowed during ANY part of the oral component (prep and/or presentation).**
7. Each team will have one (1) hour prior to their assigned presentation time to practice its presentation and to prepare any props/visuals for use during its presentation.

Teams are permitted to use only the materials provided (listed on page 2) to prepare any visuals they would like to use during their presentations. Teams are not permitted to use or are required to bring any other materials.

Teams will be permitted to carry their props/visuals and notecards from the preparation room to the presentation room.

8. Five minutes before the team's assigned presentation time, the team will be escorted to its presentation room. (Team advisors are permitted to view their respective team's presentation with the team members' approval.)
9. Each team will have 10 minutes for its presentation before a panel of five – seven judges. The judges will then have up to 10 minutes to ask questions. Presentations must be at least five (5) minutes long but no longer than 10 minutes.
10. Team members are required to wear appropriate clothing that does **NOT** identify their school or county origin.

Questions should be directed to Lorelle Steach, PA Envirothon Executive Director, by phone: (814) 623-7900 ext. 111 or Email: [lsteach@envirothonpa.org](mailto:lsteach@envirothonpa.org).

**2015 Pennsylvania Envirothon  
Oral Component  
Presentation Prep Material (tentative list)**

The Pennsylvania Envirothon will provide each team with the items listed below. These are the only items a team is permitted to use to develop all visuals/props that it will use during its presentation at the Pennsylvania State Envirothon. Teams are not permitted to use or required to bring any other materials.

**One hour prior to a team's scheduled presentation time, each team will receive a CLEAR PLASTIC ENVELOPE, which will have the following prep materials enclosed.**

- GREEN FOLDER \* (Please return to your Team Buddy ALL documents included in the green folder in the same condition that you received them. Other teams will be using this same information; do not write on or destroy any of the documents\*\*.)
  - Oral component Scenario and Judging Sheet\*\*
  - Tips for Prep/Delivery\*\*
  - Rules and Guidelines\*\*
- 1 package Sharpie Fine Point markers (12 count)\*
- Permanent markers, 1 each – black, red, blue, and green\*
- 1 roll clear tape \*
- 1 glue stick \*
- 5 pencils \*
- 1 pair scissors \*
- 1 pencil sharpener \*
- 1 ruler \*

***\* Upon completion, each team must return the above listed items (in the condition received) enclosed in the plastic folder to its assigned team buddy.***

**The Pennsylvania Envirothon will also provide each team with the following items that you are permitted to write on and use as presentation props/visuals.**

- 2 sheets of white poster board (22" x 28")
- 1 sheet each of red, blue, yellow, and green paper
- 3 sheets of white tablet paper
- 50 blank notecards

***Teams are permitted to keep the above listed items. These do not need to be returned to your team buddy.***

As indicated in the Rules and Guidelines, each team will have one (1) hour prior to their assigned presentation time to prepare any props/visuals to be used during the presentation and to practice their presentation. Teams are permitted to use only the materials (listed above) provided to prepare any visuals/props they would like to use during their presentations. Teams are not permitted to use or required to bring additional materials.

Teams will be permitted to carry their props/visuals and notecards from the preparation room to the presentation room.