Pennsylvania Envirothon Rules and Regulations – 2024 Addendum

The following is an _Addendum_ to the Pennsylvania Envirothon Rules and Regulations to reflect the 2024 Virtual Oral Component Competition.

These rules and regulations will be followed in place of the noted sections:

Competition Regulations

1. For liability reasons and fairness, only registered participants (team members and advisors) are permitted access to the official competition information.

Oral Presentation Component

The 2024 Virtual Competition problem-solving oral presentation component is conducted as follows:

1. All teams will compete in the oral presentation component. In order to complete the full 2024 State Envirothon, they MUST participate in the oral presentation component, or they will receive a zero (0) for 1/6th of their score.

2. The scenario for the oral presentation is posted to the Pennsylvania Envirothon Station Training – Oral Component website page on Friday, May 3, 2024, no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon).

3. Advisors shall NOT prepare their team's presentation but may provide general guidance; such as reviewing the rubric and clarification of the scenario. Questions about the content of the scenario will not be answered by representatives of the Pennsylvania Envirothon (i.e., interpret the scenario on your own).

4. The oral presentation component will take place Wednesday, May 15 through Friday, May 17, 2024. Presentations will be pre-recorded, and students will join judges to participate in the viewing of their recorded presentation and a live questions and answers (Q&A) session. All five (5) team members must participate in the pre-recorded video.

   a. If <u>one</u> team member is unable to attend the live Q&A session, there will NOT be points deducted. A 4-member team, for the Q&A only, will be accepted without penalty.

   b. If one team member is unable to attend the in-person station testing, there will NOT be a penalty for the team.

   c. <u>No substitutions may be made after the recorded video is submitted</u>. The 5-member team in the pre-recorded video is the team that must participate in the remainder of the event (live Q&A and station testing).

5. Slide and Oral Presentation Format - The 2024 Pennsylvania Envirothon will **require** the use of PowerPoint or Google Slides for the Oral Presentation Component segment of the competition. **Teams should deliver their presentation as though they are presenting to a live audience (standing next to a projector screen and using power point) and film the presentation.** Teams should not utilize video production technology for their presentation.

    a. The presentation may not be longer than 12 minutes. Any presentation longer than 12 minutes will not be accepted.
    b. A maximum of 20 of slides is allowed, and the presentation should be created with the 12-minute time limit in mind. When preparing the presentation, teams should take care to ensure that their solution is clear and concise.
    c. Although teams should **NOT** state the name of their school during their presentation or on any accompanying slides, they may include the names of the team members. To ensure no bias, perceived or real, teams are assigned a number and must refrain from referencing their school/county during the competition. Team members are required to wear appropriate clothing that does NOT identify the origin of their school or county. This includes not wearing items with a school, town, or county-related logo/name at any time during the oral presentation segment.
    d. The **video submitted should mimic as closely as possible the team standing in front of a panel and presenting it to them in person. The entire team should be present and using their developed PowerPoint/Google Slides as a visual aid. The only visual aid acceptable is a PowerPoint/Google slides presentation that the team develops. No video editing, animation, etc, is allowed. The goal of the video is to be one continuous take from start to finish of the team using their PowerPoint/Google Slides as a visual aid and presenting their information addressing the points of the scenario to the panel of judges. Points will be deducted for editing your video and may be subject to disqualification.**
    e. Team-created graphics and photos are allowed in the presentation.
    f. Other photos and graphics may also be included (not team-created) but must be used only in accordance with each photo's associated usage rights. Each non-original photo MUST be cited appropriately to avoid copyright infringement.
    g. All team members must participate in the creation of the presentation and participate in/speak during the presentation recording.
    h. The presentation must be saved in MP4. Presentations will be viewed on computers with Microsoft Office. **Directions to upload presentation videos will be provided to registered PA Envirothon teams in May.**

6. Oral Presentation Time Limit/Q&A
    a. Time limits will be enforced, and any submitted presentations that go over 12 minutes will not be accepted.
    b. Judges will have eight (8) minutes for Q&A.

7. Presentation Deadline

   a. **Pre-recorded presentations must be submitted no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 13, 2024, to Pennsylvania Envirothon.**
   b. Presentations submitted after the posted deadline will not be viewed or scored. If a team experiences technical difficulties when submitting their presentation, they must inform Pennsylvania Envirothon via phone or email PRIOR to the submission deadline to determine alternate submission methods.

8. Scoring

   a. The oral presentation is scored by a panel of judges based on the rubric provided with the problem scenario.
   b. The oral presentation is worth 1/6th of the team's total competition score.