

# ORAL PRESENTATION RULES

Taken from Nova Scotia Envirothon Rules (November 2014)

1. Each team will be assigned a time slot for their presentation. Failure to arrive on time will result in a score of zero.
2. The Current Topic Scenario will be sent electronically to all teams on Thursday, April 16th at Noon. Teams must prepare a completed presentation, in response to the challenge outlined in the scenario, prior to arriving at the competition.
3. Teams are encouraged to use a robust mix of resources in preparing their presentation, including reference material sent with the scenario, school library resources, the internet, expert interviews etc.
4. Teams should also prepare and bring to the competition, visual aid poster(s) to enhance their presentation (note the following poster regulations).
5. **Teams may only bring the visual aid posters and cue cards** (see below) to the presentation.
6. Visual Aid Posters:
  - a. Electronic audio-visual aids are NOT permittedOnly the following items can be used to make your visual aid poster(s):
  - b. Two (2) Pieces of Poster Board; any size; both fronts and backs can be used
  - c. Computer Typed Documents (Minimum allowable font size is 75; which should be about 1" in height)
  - d. Markers, Coloured Pencils, Pens
  - e. Adhesive of any Kind (Glue / Tape)
  - f. Construction Paper, Coloured Paper, Scrapbook paper
  - g. Ruler
  - h. Scissors
7. During the presentation team members may use cue cards (max size: 6" x 4") as memory aids. Please note that presentation skills are evaluated as part of the judging, and reading verbatim from the cards is less effective than a clear oral presentation of your points.
8. Presentations will be ten (10) minutes maximum, followed by five (5) minute question period from the judges.
9. During presentations, a five (5) minute warning card will be shown half way through the presentation and a two (2) minute warning card will be shown when there is two minutes left in the allowable 10 (ten) minute time period.
10. All team members participating in the written (field testing) component of the competition must participate in the oral presentation, unless special permission has been granted by the Lead Judge.
11. All team members must contribute equally with the verbal delivery of the presentation. Equal contribution will be left to the discretion of the judging panel. Each team member will be given up to 2 points for equal participation in the presentation.
12. During oral presentations, all team members must wear the current Envirothon T-shirt.
13. No contact is to be made between the team advisors/chaperones/guests and the judges during the presentation.
14. During the preliminary presentation rounds, advisors/chaperones may observe and/or record only the team they have accompanied to the competition, with the permission of the team.
15. The North American Envirothon presentation score sheet will be used at the provincial competition.
16. The teams with the top three oral presentation scores from the preliminary round will advance to the final round (when more than 10 teams are competing). \*The scores from the final round will be averaged with the teams' first round scores to determine the winner of the 'Current Issues' award only. All preliminary round score will be used to determine the overall competition winner.