

TENNESSEE ENVIROTHON COMPREHENSIVE QUESTION INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of the comprehensive question is to help students develop their ability to take the knowledge they have gained from the five topic areas of the Envirothon and use that knowledge to solve a real-life natural resource management scenario. Communication skills, group and individual decision making, knowledge and wise management of natural resources, are all areas stressed in this segment of the contest.

Team Instructions for Presentation

1. Teams will be presented with the comprehensive question in the late afternoon or early evening of the first day of the State Envirothon Contest. They will have several hours that evening and possibly a portion of the next morning to prepare. At no time are coaches allowed to discuss any aspect of the question or presentation with their team members.
2. Presentation order will be drawn by teams at the evening meal of the first day.
3. The Envirothon resource study material will serve as the primary source of information for use in preparing the teams presentation.
4. The time allotted per team for the comprehensive question is twenty minutes. Teams will have a minimum of seven (7) minutes and a maximum of ten (10) minutes to complete their presentation, and a maximum of five (5) minutes for answering questions posed by the judges. Up to five (5) minutes set-up time before the presentation begins is acceptable and included within the twenty (20) minute time frame.
5. All team members should participate in the presentation.
6. Teams should identify themselves ONLY by their Team number during dialogue and should post that number during their presentation.
7. Judges will use assigned team numbers to record scores.
8. Teams should deliberate over questions posed by the judges as a group, formulate their answer, and relay it to the judges, one person at a time.
9. During the presentation, visual aids may be used and created from the materials provided.
10. A minimum of two (2) visual aids and a maximum of eight (8) should be used in the presentation. Remember, two or three (2 or 3) well-planned and completed visual aids are far more effective than seven or eight (7 or 8) poorly completed ones.
11. Team members must wear their TN Envirothon t-shirts during the presentation and name tags.