

New Mexico Envirothon Rules

The 2008 New Mexico Envirothon will be conducted under the following rules and regulations:

- 1) Only students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 or equivalent home school ranking are eligible to compete in the New Mexico Envirothon.
- 2) Any school properly registered can send **ONLY ONE DESIGNATED TEAM**.
- 3) Each Team must consist of five students.
 - a) All teams must be affiliated with their local conservation district.
 - b) Team sponsors and the principal of participating schools must read and sign the **REGISTRATION FORM**. The team advisor shall certify that all team members competing at the **NEW MEXICO ENVIROTHON** meet all eligibility requirements set forth by the rules and regulations of the **NEW MEXICO ENVIROTHON**, and the New Mexico Public Education Department.
 - c) An alternate is allowed at the New Mexico Envirothon with full participating ability. If the team should win the state competition and be eligible for the National competition, only 5 members will be allowed to attend the national competition.
- 4) Meals and housing will be provided for a five-member team and up to two adult advisors.
- 5) Travel arrangements will be made by advisors and sponsors.
- 6) In the event of an injury or illness of a team during the **NEW MEXICO ENVIROTHON**, the New Mexico Envirothon Executive Committee will assess the situation.
- 7) A team advisor **MUST** accompany each team. Team members and advisors are required to stay on site during the entire competition. Team members will be accompanied by **NEW MEXICO ENVIROTHON** Walking leaders, during the competition.
- 8) All tobacco, drugs, alcohol and weapons of any kind are prohibited during the entire stay. Rules for the **NEW MEXICO** competition site will be strictly observed. The display of proper conduct at all times is expected. Failure to follow this rule will result in immediate dismissal of the team from the competition.

- 9) **Personal electronic devices such as MP3 players, PDAs, and CD players are prohibited during the entire stay. A designated time will be scheduled for students to use cellular phones. When not in use, all cellular phones must be stored in an advisor's vehicle or with a NEW MEXICO ENVIROTHON official.**
- 10) All team members will be required to wear appropriate attire during testing. This includes long pants and sturdy shoes (no shorts or open-toed shoes)
- 11) There will be five resource stations: Soils/Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife and a special topic. *The special topic for 2008 is "Recreation impacts on natural resources."*
- 12) Advisors will rotate through the stations as a group during the testing period.
- 13) The oral presentations will be judged by professionals from various state, federal, and private resource management groups.
 - a) The oral presentation will be 10 minutes maximum in length followed by five minutes of questions by the judges.
 - b) All five team members **MUST** participate orally in the presentation.
 - c) During oral presentations, all team members must wear a NEW MEXICO Envirothon t-shirt that will be provided at the state competition.
 - d) Visual aids must be prepared on-site by team members using only materials provided by the NEW MEXICO ENVIROTHON.
- 14) All judge and proctor decisions will be adhered to during all events pending a final decision by the NEW MEXICO ENVIRTHON Executive Committee if necessary.
- 15) All team members and advisors must attend all scheduled functions.
- 16) Any infraction of the Policies or Rules and Regulations of the NEW MEXICO ENVIROTHON will result in disqualification and dismissal from the event and competition location.
- 17) No personal resource or study materials are allowed at the competition. All necessary materials will be provided.
- 18) All decisions made by the NEW MEXICO ENVIROTHON Committee and executive council are final.