

ERIE COUNTY ENVIROTHON RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Competitors must be enrolled in grade levels 9 through 12 or an equivalent home school ranking.
2. Teams may consist of no fewer than three and no more than five members. All members must represent the same school (with the exception of home school groups only). In the event that one to two members from a team cannot attend the Erie Co. Envirothon, the advisor is free to make substitutions. Note: Five members will be required for the state competition.
3. Alternates that have prepared as potential substitutes are not allowed at the Erie Co. Envirothon. Only the five team members who *are competing* may be present.
4. A team advisor must accompany each school attending the Erie County Envirothon.
5. Any team, team member, or team chaperone discovered on, near, or around the testing stations before the competition begins, is subject to immediate disqualification.
6. Once the competition begins, the teams will rotate AS A TEAM through the testing stations (Aquatics, Forestry, Soils & Land Use, Wildlife, and a Current Issue). Advisors are not permitted at any rotation with their own team.
7. Copies of the tests will not be distributed past the testing stations.
8. Envirothon participants may not use any reference or resource materials (personal or otherwise) during the competition, except those provided *at the stations* by agency or Envirothon representatives.
9. No clipboards, backpacks, or similar carrying cases may be used or carried during the competition. Erie County Envirothon will provide clipboards for each teams use.
10. Team members with allergies or other conditions requiring medication, are required to bring their medical supplies with them to the Erie Co. Envirothon.
11. Judges decisions are final on all events. Contested decisions will be reviewed by the Erie County Envirothon Steering Committee.
12. The winning team at the Erie County Envirothon is the team with the highest cumulative score at all the testing stations. In the event of a tie, a tiebreaker will be employed.
13. No electronic devices (laptop computers, camcorders, cameras, taping devices, OR CELL PHONES) will be allowed at the testing stations. Allowances will be made for media, camera crew, and agency personnel.
14. Any infraction of the rules will lead to automatic disqualification of the team involved.
15. The rules and regulations of the Envirothon are subject to change by the Erie County Envirothon Steering Committee. Any and all changes will be announced before the competition begins.