

# HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL ENVIROTHON

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## ENVIROTHON RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (1) There can be only two Teams per school. A team will be 5 students from the same school with **one** alternate per team. All alternates who attend the Envirothon will then be put into teams at the event. Schools compete for the County in which they are physically located.
- (2) Electronics (including cell phones), books, and any other materials are **NOT** allowed to be with the team members during the competition. If students bring any of these items to the event they will be collected at registration and returned after the event. **If a team member is found with any electronics or other materials the entire team will be disqualified.**
- (3) The Teams must consist of High School Students, in grades 9-12 only.
- (4) There must be one Adult Advisor per Team. This Advisor will rotate with his/her Team, and be responsible for that Team's conduct during the entire competition. (Advisor can be any adult). If there are two (2) Teams from one particular school, you will not be scheduled in the same rotation. That is the main reason for one Advisor per Team. If a Team does not have an Adult Advisor, they will NOT be allowed to participate. If you let us know ahead of time we can try and have one of our volunteers available to escort your second Team around the stations.
- (5) Each Team will consist of five (5) students, with the option of **one** Alternate Team member. The Alternate member can not be substituted at will during the Envirothon. The **ONLY** time a substitution can be made is if one of the Regular Team members becomes ill or injured and then ONLY AFTER notifying one of the Envirothon Committee members. Once the Alternate takes the place of a regular member, he/she remains in for the rest of the competition.
- (6) During the Envirothon competition, the Advisor(s) may not assist their Envirothon Team(s) with test questions. All Advisors will be segregated from the teams at each testing station. **Advisors will be responsible for their team's proper conduct at all times.**
- (7) The competition will consist of five (5) categories on which the Teams will be tested; Soils, Wildlife, Forestry, Aquatics and Current Environmental Issues. There is a sixth station where a 10-minute oral presentation is given before a panel of judges on a particular problem that will be determined at the state level and passed down. During this presentation, all Team Members must participate.
- (8) At the end of the Hudson Valley Regional Envirothon, there will be a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winning Team chosen, based on cumulative scores. At this time it is also announced which highest scoring Team will have the honor of advancing to the NY State Envirothon representing not only their school, but their county! Only one team represents each county at the State Envirothon.
- (9) If the winning team can not attend the State Envirothon, please let your county SWCD know so that the second place team for your county can participate.
- (10) **There is NO COST** to the student, the parents, or the school to participate. The only thing that must be provided is the commitment to participate, and transportation to and from the events. Everyone attending (including bus drivers) will receive lunch.
- (11) All scoring and decisions made by the Envirothon Committee and judges, are final.
- (12) All Team Registrations must be in to this office by the middle of March. The exact date will be given at the start of every school year when we send the information out.

- (13) Awards will be determined by available funds.
- (14) Rules and regulations of the Hudson Valley Regional Envirothon are subject to change. Any changes will be sent to Advisors prior to the event.