



2021 Virtual VIRGINIA Dominion Energy Envirothon State Competition RULES

1. Students enrolled in grades 9th-12th or an equivalent home school ranking during the current competition are eligible to participate.
2. Each VASWCD Area may send the top three teams from the Area contest to participate in the state Envirothon contest. The top three teams must represent three different groups ex. different schools, FFA team, 4-H Club, Scout troop, home school group etc. In the event that a top 3 team is unable to attend, the fourth-place team may attend the state Envirothon contest. Each team may represent any group of high school aged students including but not limited to FFA, 4-H Club, Ecology Club, Scout troop, home school group, etc. Coaches may be teachers, scout leaders, parents, or any interested adult. Each team must have at least one dedicated adult serving as a coach.
3. A state registration form is due to the VASWCD office by the noted deadline of **May 10th, 2021 at 5pm**. State contest materials will be distributed to the host of each Area competition before each Area Envirothon so that the materials may be distributed to the teams that will advance as soon as that team is known. It is the SWCD's responsibility to let the VASWCD office know the teams participating in the state contest in a timely manner so that arrangements for teams can be made.
4. A team must consist of five members. Up to 4 alternates are allowed. In the event an original member is unable to participate, a registered alternate may take their place. Changes to a team roster will not be allowed past the registration deadline, May 10th, 2021 at 5pm, unless approved by VASWCD in emergency circumstances. In the event of an emergency that would prevent a registered five-member team from competing in the state competition, the VASWCD Envirothon committee may allow a team to compete with fewer than five members. The respective coach must certify the legitimacy of the emergency by phone or letter.
5. Alternates will not be allowed to go into the virtual breakout rooms with their team and may not help the team set up during the oral presentation part of the contest. Alternates will receive links to the station tests on Monday May 17th, and will have a week to take the tests.
6. Coaches or advisors will be able to attend a coach training session via zoom on May 16th. Coaches will not be allowed into the Station Testing Zoom Meeting.
7. The contest will consist of questions on soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and special issue: *Water Resources Management: Local Control & Local Solutions*. The station areas will be worth 1/7 each of the overall score. The presentation will be worth 2/7. In the event of a tie for overall, Tiebreakers shall be as follows: Current Issue score; Soils score, Aquatics score, Forestry score, and Wildlife score.
8. Each 5 member team will work together virtually in the zoom platform using the ClassMarker platform to answer test questions, submitting one completed test. Once a station test is taken, teams will come back to the main room for a break and then be placed back into a breakout room for the next station test. Each station will allow 40 minutes for teams to complete the test. There will be a moderator(SWCD Staff) in each breakout room to ensure no cheating. No pictures or detailed notes will be allowed to be taken of the tests.
9. Teams will create a powerpoint presentation for their Oral Presentation.

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- a. For the powerpoint presentation
 - i. A maximum of 20 slides, including a bibliography slide*, can be used.
(*Students need to compile a list of resource references and information include it in their oral presentation power point.)
 - ii. Slides may use the animation features that are available with Powerpoint software.
- 10.** Team will need to use zoom, Microsoft teams, google meets or other similar platforms to record themselves as a group presenting their powerpoint presentation.
- a. Each Team Member will need to speak at least once.
 - i. If possible, the speaker speaking should be seen on camera during the presentation.
 - b. In keeping with the rule that no coaches are allowed to be present during their teams Oral Presentation, no coaches are allowed to be present during the team's recording of their presentation.
 - c. Presentations are to be a maximum of 20 minutes.
 - d. A team name should not be mentioned during oral presentation or school/team shirts worn that identify the school or SWCD. Teams will refer to their school as Dogwood High School.
- 11. Oral Presentations are due to VASWCDEF on Monday, May 17th by 7pm.**
- a. Upload your team's presentations to dropbox using the link Bonnie Mahl sends you
 - b. The filename should be as follows- **yourhighschoolname**envirothon21
 - c. In the event you have issues, reach out to Bonnie Mahl bonnie.mahl@vaswcd.org 757-353-7093
 - d. There will not be a Questions & Answers component for this year's Oral Presentation.
 - e. The NCF-Envirothon presentation score sheet will be used at the State contest with additional criteria included to meet the current oral presentation problem requirements.
 - f. Oral Presentations will be digitally sent to Oral Presentation Judges, who will have a week to judge the presentations.
 - g. The high and the low score from each presentation will be dropped and the remaining scores averaged and rounded to the nearest hundredth following the practice of the NCF-Envirothon.
 - h. The top two presentations will be digitally sent to the judges on Monday May 24th to be judged again for final ranking. Scores are calculated in the same manner as in the preliminary round. The scores from the final round will be averaged with the teams' first round scores.
 - i. Wednesday May 26th, in the evening will be the 2021 Virginia Dominion Energy Envirothon virtual Awards Ceremony. During this event, 1st Place Overall, 2nd Place Overall and 3rd Place Overall will be announced, as well as the 1st place Team for each Station.
 - j. Medallions will be mailed to teams who earn the highest score in each of the stations (forestry, aquatics, wildlife, soils, and current issue.) Awards will be mailed to the top overall scoring team.
 - k. The first-place team will represent Virginia at the 2021 virtual NCF-Envirothon If the first-place team is unable attend, the second-place team will represent Virginia at the NCF-Envirothon contest. VASWCD will cover registration and fees for 5 team members and 1-2 coaches at the NCF-Envirothon competition.

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- l. Teams **are not permitted to have electronic devices, or resources including or limited to books or notes of any kind during the zoom Station Testing.**
- m. Any concerns related to testing should be brought to the immediate attention of the Envirothon Coordinator. Cheating will not be tolerated and is subject to disqualification. Teams must submit an emailed appeal to the Envirothon Coordinator within 30 minutes of the completion of final testing station. Appeals forms can be found on the VASWCD Envirothon Current Competition website- <https://vaswcd.org/current-competition>. An Appeals Committee will review appeals and proper action will be taken if necessary. All decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.
- n. Local and Area Envirothon Rules will not conflict with the aforementioned Virginia Envirothon Rules.
- o. Any infraction of the Virginia Envirothon Rules **may** result in disqualification.
- p. A week after the Awards Ceremony, teams are able to contact Bonnie Mahl to set up a time to view their test results with her over zoom. No test results will be sent to a team.

Team members and coaches must sign and return the statement below to VASWCD prior to the competition.

Fax (804) 559-0325; Mail: 7308 Hanover Green Dr. Ste 100, Mechanicsville, VA 23111; or Bonnie.Mahl@vaswcd.org

I have received these rules and agree to follow them to ensure that this event will be fair and competitive.

Team Name : _____

Electronic SIGNATURES:

PRINT NAMES:

Advisor (s): _____

Advisor (s): _____

Team Members: _____

Team Members: _____

Alternate(s): _____

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