



VENANGO COUNTY ENVIROTHON

Rules & Regulations

The following rules and regulations govern the teams participating in the Venango County Envirothon competition each year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information listed below, please contact the Venango Conservation District by calling (814) 676-2832.

Eligibility

1. Team members must be enrolled in grade levels nine (9) through twelve (12) or in an equivalent non-traditional school program ranking (such as being homeschooled).
2. Each school can send up to three teams of five members, with a minimum of three members per team. Please note: You must have 5 members on a team in order to compete at the state Envirothon. This 5-member team must be from the same educational unit and must have competed in the county competition. Three member teams are not eligible to move on to the state competition.
3. A student may only participate in a maximum of four Venango County Envirothon competitions over the course of their high school career.
4. Each team or team member participating in the Venango County Envirothon may not participate in another county's Envirothon during the same academic year.
5. All members on a team must represent the same educational unit (public, private, parochial, non-traditional school).
6. Each team must be registered with the Venango Conservation District by the established deadline in order to participate at the Venango County Envirothon.

Competition

7. An advisor must accompany the team(s) for each school attending the Venango County Envirothon. An advisor must be a non-student adult aged 20 years or older.
8. Students will rotate as a team to each testing station as indicated on the provided Venango County Envirothon competition schedule.
9. Advisors and/or chaperones are not permitted at or near the station testing areas before or during the competition as indicated on the provided station location map.

10. Participating students may only use reference and resource materials provided by Venango County Envirothon representatives at the testing stations. No personal reference or resource materials are allowed at the testing stations.
11. No electronic or battery-operated devices such as cell phones, laptops, smart watches, iPods, tablets, calculators, or cameras are allowed to be possessed by students during testing periods. There will be space available to securely store these devices during testing periods. Allowances will be made for media, camera crew, and agency personnel.
12. Students and their advisors are permitted to view their station and overall test scores, but are not permitted to view the scored tests and answer sheets. This is to prevent the sharing of questions and answers to students participating in other county-level Envirothon events.
13. All test scores determined by Venango County Envirothon representatives are final. The winning team at the Venango County Envirothon is the team with the highest cumulative score which is totaled by adding the scores from each respective station test. In the event of a tie, a tie-breaker question will be employed. Tests and answer sheets will remain as property of the Venango Conservation District.
14. Substitutes to any team members are permissible. Any changes to team members must occur before the start of the competition day and should be made by contacting the Venango Conservation District as soon as possible.
15. Additional students that will not be participating in the competition may attend the Venango County Envirothon training day if there is space available. Contact the Venango Conservation District in advance if you are planning to do this. Please note: only the students competing in the Venango County Envirothon and their advisors/chaperones are permitted to attend the day of competition.

Advancing to the PA State Envirothon

16. The winning team of the Venango County Envirothon may advance to the Pennsylvania state Envirothon competition. Should the team choose to advance, all Pennsylvania Envirothon rules will be followed by the team. Pennsylvania Envirothon rules and regulations will be provided to the winning team upon conclusion of the Venango County Envirothon competition.
17. If the team advancing to the state competition cannot send the five original team members that competed at the Venango County Envirothon, the advisor is permitted to make substitutions for one or two of the original five team members. All members and substitutions must represent the same educational unit and have competed in the same county event. A four person team may compete as an exhibition only if there are no substitutions available.
18. In the event the winning team cannot attend the state Envirothon event, the next highest scoring team will have the opportunity to be sent in its place so long as the Pennsylvania Envirothon and Venango County Envirothon rules are met.

Miscellaneous

19. Any team involved with any infraction of the rules or inconsistencies shall be subject to disqualification.
20. The Venango County Envirothon rules and regulations are subject to change by the Venango Conservation District. Any and all changes will be announced before the competition begins.
21. Any exceptions to these rules and regulations must be approved by the Venango Conservation District.

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