

LAND USE COUNCIL 2

Bureau, Henry, Marshall-Putnam, Mercer, Rock Island and Stark Counties

2023 Envirothon Rules

This will be either an in-person event or a fully virtual event this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will have rules in place for both ways, please take the time to read through these. All of the basic rules will apply unless otherwise stated.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN TO YOUR SWCD NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 17TH, 2023. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. IF YOU MISS THE DEADLINE, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIAPTE IN THE COMPETITION.

1. **Regardless of in person or virtual events:** Each high school is limited to 2 teams; Each team is limited to 5 students. You may have 2 FFA; 2 Science-based or 1 team of each. **Alternates are encouraged. If one of the original team members is unable to attend the State or National competition, they can only be subbed by someone who attended the LUC competition. This could be a member of a school's 2nd team or you may bring 1 or 2 additional students. Alternates must sit in during all presentations but may not participate in any of the testing. No Junior High teams allowed.** You may make changes or substitutions to your teams at any time **prior to the start of the competition.** We understand kids get sick or things come up. Please notify your SWCD as soon as you know of the change, so we can make the appropriate changes in paperwork.

2. **If we are to have a virtual event,** Envirothon will be hosted via Google Classroom/Google Meets. We will be posting presentation videos, and tests will be uploaded after each presentation is completed. With that said, we expect your group to use the honor system when testing. Since event staff cannot be with you as you test, we expect a teacher to act as a supervisor or proctor during testing. Notes may be taken during the presentation; however, no notes or other resources may be used during testing.

3. **Regardless of in person or virtual events: there will be no 5th category presentation.** Therefore, all scores will be based on the testing from Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife, Soils and the 5th Category tests. These test scores will be totaled and the top FFA and Non-FFA teams will then advance to the State competition.

4. **All tests will be sent via email through Google Classroom:** Please make sure that the emails provided to your district contact are verified by your school's IT department. ALL test links will be provided to that email on the day of the competition. You do not need to have a Gmail email address, your school email is fine – however, it is your responsibility to make sure that they can receive the emails. The LUC is not responsible for emails that do not work and will not provide paper tests to teams if they are unable to get the links at the time of the testing.

4. All resource material should be out to schools no later than the month of January. Resource material can be accessed at <https://illinoisenvirothon.org/study-material/> or <https://www.envirothon.org> No new resources will be added without the approval of the Council 2 Envirothon Committee.

5. Other than computers or tablets used to listen to the presentations and take the exams (If the competition is virtual), **ALL electronic device use (cell phones, iPods, tablets, etc.) is prohibited during the Envirothon competition.** All devices must be left off at all times during the competition. Violations **WILL** result in team disqualification.

6. Schools are responsible for their students and any accidents that may occur.

7. **No** score sheets will be released until **after** the announcement of the winning team.