

2026 Indiana State Envirothon Testing and Scoring Rules

A written test will consist of 20 questions for each subject area. A field test will consist of hands-on type questions for each subject area. The scores from combining the written test (100) and the field test (50) will have a maximum of 150 points possible and will be used for the Written Test Top 3 Teams awards at the Indiana State Envirothon Contest. If there is a tie, it will be broken by the higher score on the current issue test. If those scores are the same, it will move through each subject area in the pre-determined order used at the Regional Contest level (began in 2012)

The oral presentation scoresheet is broken into 4 parts, with a maximum of 100 total points possible. Due to the large number of teams participating, teams will first present in one of three judging rooms. Upon arrival during registration teams will select their judging room by drawing slips noting a room and time. Each room will have 3 judges. The scores of the 3 judges will be added and averaged for the team's score. The teams with the highest 3 scores in the preliminaries (morning presentations) will re-present in the final round in the afternoon in front of their peers (as approved in 2026 by the IN Envirothon Steering Committee). If one or more of the rooms are not represented by a top team, then the top team from that room(s) will also re-present. There will be a minimum of 3 teams and a maximum of 5 teams presenting in the final round unless the unrepresented room(s) has a tie for the top score. That will alter the number of teams that are re-presenting.

Teams will be notified during the lunch break if they have earned a high score to re-present. The top teams, as outlined above, **must** present in the final round. The top three teams for the oral presentations are determined from the final round in the afternoon. If a team chooses to not present, they will receive a zero for their oral presentation score. (Rule approved in 2026 by the IN Envirothon Steering Committee.)

- Oral Presentation Top 3 Teams awards will come only from teams that represent. They will not use their preliminary (morning) presentation score – their final oral presentation score will be the one from the final presentation round. The final scores will be used to calculate the Overall Top 3 Teams awards (began in 2016 as voted on by team advisors).

- The final judging panel will consist of 5 judges, one in each subject area. Scores will be determined by the scores of the 5 judges being added and the average will be used for placement.

Overall scores will be based on the 250 points possible (150 from Written + Field Test and 100 from Oral Presentations). The three teams with the highest scores overall will receive Overall Top 3 Teams awards. The 1st Place team in this category will represent Indiana in the NCF Envirothon Contest. If that team cannot attend the NCF- Envirothon Competition, the second-place team will be invited to attend. If the second-place team can't attend the Indiana Envirothon Committee will invite the next place teams, in order. The Indiana Envirothon committee has the final say in who represents Indiana at the NCF-Envirothon Competition.