

## Current Issue Guidelines - tips and tricks - updated April 3, 2024

- [NCF Current Issue Judges Score Sheet](#) - this is just a guide, ND Envirothon does not strictly follow this
- Have all team members participate in the presentation
- There is a 10-minute time limit. Timer will cut teams off at 10 minutes. Teams earn more points the longer they speak.
- Avoid fidgeting, talking too fast or too quiet
- Students should wear their ND Envirothon-provided t-shirts and jeans/dress pants/skirts (no sweatpants); no school apparel (please do not wear shirts/sweatshirts from your school to keep your school identify hidden)
- Teams are given 2 hours to prepare their presentations in a private, secluded room. ND Envirothon provides all the materials they need to prepare presentations (poster board paper, markers, notecards, pens, pencils, notes taken during the Thursday presentation and scenario resources). Teachers do not help teams with presentation preparation. (Friday morning at state)
- The team trail guide will introduce a team to their panel of judges when their presentation starts.
- Teams present to a panel of 3 judges and their teachers only (only if the team allows their teacher to watch)
- ND Envirothon state competition scoring - soils trail test = 100 points, aquatics trail test = 100 points, wildlife trail test = 100 points, forestry/prairie trail test = 100 points, oral presentation = 100 points (500 points in total). Top 3 teams with the most points present their oral presentation a 2nd time in front of a final panel of judges and other schools, students, volunteers approximately 30-60 minutes after the last presentations are complete
- Judges can ask questions for 5 minutes after presentation