

2010 Iowa Envirothon
Judging Guidelines for Oral Presentation
**“Protection of Groundwater through Urban, Agricultural and
Environmental Planning”**

1. Before the students arrive, please designate one member of the judging panel to lead introductions. Each member of the judging panel should be introduced with name, professional affiliation and a handshake with each member.
2. One member of the judging panel should be designated as the timekeeper who will set the timer when each presentation begins. Team presentations should last **no more than 15 minutes** (a minute or two under is acceptable). Use the provided sign to let them know they have two minutes remaining and they should start wrapping up their presentation.
3. Teams are allowed to use flip charts, handouts and the like. Video or audio cassettes, computer-assisted presentations, or any other media using electricity are **NOT** allowed.
4. Judges are encouraged to keep notes during the presentations to assist with questioning and scoring. We recommend you use the back of the scoring sheet so that teams will have some written comments to refer to when reviewing their performance.
5. We encourage judges to use the final 5 minutes (after the 15 minute presentation) to ask questions or offer alternative viewpoints. This is designed as an educational event, and students can learn from your experiences!
6. **Remember: These are high school students – not professional speakers, college students or field workers. Their point of view might differ greatly from your own. You are judging their ability to think through the problem, clearly present a strategy to address it, and offer information and evidence to support their position, whether you agree with it or not. Try to be constructive in your comments, offer suggestions and share your knowledge!**
7. When a team is finished, thank them, wish them luck, send them on their way and complete the scoring sheets.
8. **Score sheets from all judges will be collected at the end of each presentation and returned to the teams during the review session.**

Thanks for all of your help!