



GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

TEAMS:

1. Eco-Meet teams will consist of a minimum of three or a maximum of four students.
2. Although students in grade levels from Junior High through High School may participate, be aware that each regional Eco-Meet determines what grade levels they will accept (i.e. some regional meets may only accept the High School level). Each regional meet will also determine the number of teams each school may bring to their event.
3. Under certain circumstances teams may be comprised of students from different areas or even different schools. Each regional Eco-Meet will handle these situations on a case by case basis. This may allow home-schooled students and other smaller organizations to participate that "alone" are unable to. Under no circumstances does this allow for the building of a "super team," and the team must meet the size requirements in #1.
4. All teams must pre-register with their regional Eco-Meet. Individual substitutions can be made up to the day of the regional event; however, once a team qualifies for the State Eco-Meet, no further substitutions can be made. The qualifying team will compete at the State Eco-Meet with the same members that were listed on their final registration form the day of their regional meet. If a qualifying student(s) is unable to attend State, then the team will compete without that member(s). For example, a qualifying 3-member team who loses one team member will have to compete at State with only the remaining two team members. This will obviously place them at quite a disadvantage.

SCORING:

1. The top two individuals from each regional Habitat and Focus test will go on to State. Of the top three overall teams at the regional events, only the first and second place finishers will be guaranteed a slot at the state event if more than ten regional events are held. (The third place teams from all the regionals statewide will be ranked by total score and admitted to the state event based on available space under that circumstance.) We consider 30 teams a full competition at the State level.
2. Teams and individuals qualifying at their regional meet for State will only compete at State for scholarships in the areas in which they qualified. Example: If a student qualifies only as a member of an overall team then they can only compete for team scholarships and not for individual scholarships. If they qualified as both an individual and a team member at regional, then they can compete for both scholarships at State. Students who qualify as an individual and do not attend State as a member of a team may participate in the other events but cannot compete for scholarships in these events.

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1. Schools are allowed to participate in only one regional Eco-Meet even though they may have the opportunity to attend other regional meets. The school must decide to attend the one that best fits their calendar.
2. A team coach or adult supervisor must accompany all students to Eco-Meets. Supervisors will assure that students participate in each event and display proper conduct. Additional students from participating schools who are not members of registered Eco-Meet teams may not attend the Eco-Meet.
3. Event Judges will deal with teams that are late to an event, or that are not following the event rules accordingly. Disciplinary actions may include deduction of points, disqualification of individuals, or even dismissal of the team from the Eco-Meet. Cheating in any fashion will not be tolerated and will result in the disqualification of the entire team in ALL events, including the individual competitions.
4. Teams must participate in ALL FOUR EVENTS at the regional level in order to be eligible to attend the state event.
5. Judges' decisions are final on all events.
6. Rules and regulations of the Eco-Meet are subject to change. Any and all changes will be explained in advance to all teams and advisors.
7. Student answer sheets will not be returned. Student and team scores from all events, participants' evaluations, as well as judges' evaluations from the Interpretive Event will be sent to team coaches, or like information as deemed appropriate by each regional Eco-Meet.
8. The Eco-Meet Committee welcomes any suggestions or comments about the event and will consider any submitted ideas.