

Nebraska Envirothon Oral Presentation Tips

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- Teams should consider dressing similar – khakis, black pants, etc. Stand up straight.
- Team member should discuss what to do with hands while others speak (behind back, at your sides – avoid putting in your pockets). Show enthusiasm by using your hands when presenting.
- Point to and incorporate presentation when necessary (show action). If you're talking, have another presenter point to help the judges follow your plan. This also shows team members are engaged throughout the presentation.
- Avoid putting too much information on one slide. Break it up. There is no limit on slides, but it must be presented within 10 minutes or less. Make sure the judges (10+ feet away) can read the presentation. No audio is allowed but you can still find ways to be creative!
- Look up at the judges when presenting – smile.
- If you are excited about presenting, it will come out in your voice. People listen to an energetic voice, so avoid a monotone. Project your voice toward the judges, so they can hear you.
- If you mess up during your presentation, don't acknowledge it. Just keep moving forward like the mistake never even happened. Many times, the judges won't notice if you pretend like nothing happened or don't get caught up in your words.
- Support each team member – Once you're done with your section in the presentation, consider saying, "Now John will talk about ____." Then John should consider acknowledging when the other team member is done speaking and say, "Thank you, Jane" and then move on to talk about their part of the presentation.
- When it's your turn to speak, step out in front of your other team members and then step back in line when you're done so the next person can speak.
- Don't be afraid to move around the room. If you want to be creative... BE CREATIVE.
- Try using a catchy title, play on words or inspiring quotes that are relative.
- The oral presentation is a PRESENTATION. Impress the judges with your knowledge on the subject and your presentation skills. Your goal is to create a proposed solution to the problem scenario and present it in a meaningful, creative way.
- To feel more comfortable during your presentation, practice in front of a mirror. You should practice at least three times before you present your material to the judges.