

Nebraska Regional Envirothon

Virtual Testing

February 3-5, 2021



Envirothon Advisors,

Welcome to the 2021 Nebraska Regional Envirothon virtual testing. Despite the pandemic, we are committed to hosting the Envirothon even if that means a few changes.

The online tests will cover seven resource areas – wildlife, soils, policy, forestry, range, aquatics and a special topic (water resources management).

TESTING GUIDELINES

1. A student will need to be designated as Team Captain. The Team Captain is the contact person for the test and will be sent the test links. The Team Captain will access the test and select the answers to the test questions, with input from other team members. The team – 5 members – can meet in person to take the online test or meet via an online platform (Zoom, GoToMeeting, etc.) using screen sharing. It will be up to the team to coordinate a time to take the test.
2. The online test will be available from 8 a.m. (CT) Wednesday, Feb. 3 to 8 p.m. (CT) Friday, Feb. 5, 2021. The team will determine when to complete the test within the scheduled timeframe.
3. Each of the seven resource areas will have its own test with a separate link. **Once the link to a test is opened, the test must be completed.** The link to the test will not be able to be re-opened once it has started. Emailed test links will likely come from “Quilgo” with the subject line of the test “Aquatics Regional.”
4. **Each resource test will be timed, and teams will have a maximum of 15 minutes to complete each of the seven tests.** Teams must press “Submit” at the bottom of the test before the time runs out or answers will not be recorded. The test will automatically close when the 15 minutes is up, so it’s important to finish and submit answers before time runs out. You should plan for at least 105 minutes of testing and additional time for a cushion between tests.

5. Remember, testing begins and timing starts once a testing link is opened. Please make sure your team members are in your online collaboration meeting and ready to get to work BEFORE you click on the link to open the test.
6. The testing platform is Google-based. Open the practice [test link](#) on your preferred device to ensure everything is working properly.
7. Please make sure that the equipment you are using to take the test (computer, iPad, etc.) is plugged in to a power source to prevent battery failure during the timed test.
8. Any resource necessary for answering test questions is included in the test.
9. As is the rule with all levels of Envirothon, your team is NOT to use any outside resource to assist you in completing the online test questions during testing. Advisors are not to assist your team during the test taking in any way. For a full list of rules and guidelines, visit the [Nebraska Envirothon Policy Guide](#).
10. Some situations will be out of our control using an online format. However, if you have a “grievance” that involves a particular question or answer choice, please have your advisor submit any grievances using this link: [Nebraska Envirothon Grievances](#). All grievances must be filed by **9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, 2021**.

Unfortunately, online testing will not be perfect, as there is no foolproof way to control those components of the competition that we can during in-person events. In these unprecedented times, we will rely on all of you to maintain the standards of honesty and integrity that have always been a hallmark of Nebraska’s Envirothon teams!

The Nebraska Envirothon Committee is optimistic in offering this online testing opportunity. We hope you continue to take an interest in natural resources and the environment and have fun!

If you have any questions, please email: Megan Grimes, mgrimes@nrdnet.org

Best,

The Nebraska Envirothon Committee