

## Land Use Council 7 Rules and Regulations

1. Team members must be registered in grades 9 – 12 for the current school year.
2. Teams will consist of 5 members from the same school. Alternates are allowed at the competition. All alternates will be combined into a team(s) and will participate. An alternate team cannot advance to state.
3. Limit of 4 teams per school.
4. Teams must be accompanied by an adult advisor/teacher to the competition.
5. Students are to participate in all activities to the best of their ability while at the competition site.
6. Land Use Council 7's Envirothon shall consist of four categories; Aquatics, Soil, Forestry, and Wildlife. The fifth topic of a Current Environmental Issue may be included.
7. The team with the highest cumulative point total from the test stations will be declared the overall winner. Teams with less than five (5) members can compete in the competition; however, they are not eligible to advance to the Illinois Envirothon State competition.
8. Teams have the option of competing under one of two designations; LUC Team or FFA team. By choosing FFA, teams will forgo the option of competing in the two day State Envirothon. The LUC **five (5) member team** with the highest cumulative point total from the test stations will advance to the Illinois Envirothon State competition to represent Land Use Council 7. The FFA team with the highest cumulative point total from the test stations will advance to the one day, FFA competition at the Illinois Envirothon.
9. The Judge's decisions are final in all events. Tiebreaker procedure will be as follows; Aquatics score, Forestry score, Soils Score, Wildlife score.
10. A trophy/plaque for each county winning team will be the responsibility of each SWCD. The LUC will provide a traveling trophy to the overall winner.
11. NO TOBACCO, INTOXICANTS OR DRUGS OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE COMEPTITION SITE. If any student is found to be in possession of any such item it will be taken away and the team will be disqualified. This includes cigarettes and chewing tobacco.
12. Students will not be allowed to carry any electronic devices during the competition. This includes, but is not limited to cell phones, iPods, laptops, etc.
13. Cheating of any kind on the category tests will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification.
14. School policies are to be followed by the students while participating in this competition, for they are representing their schools.
15. Rules are subject to change and all relevant changes will be explained to all teams and advisors before the Envirothon competition begins.
16. The Soil and Water Conservation Districts of Land Use Council 7 will consider suggestions for improvements of the rules and regulations.