# The Oral Presentation

Teams should begin immediately formulating their oral presentations for the competition. Oral presentation preparation time **will not** be provided the day of the competition.

The oral presentation should incorporate knowledge gained from all facets of the competition: soils, forestry, aquatics, wildlife and current issue. Teams should prepare their own presentations. In developing presentations, teams may consult with experts in the field but are responsible for doing their own research. The use of AI in creating presentations is not allowed. This is on the honor system as we cannot monitor each team during this time.
**Teachers/Advisors SHOULD NOT prepare their team's presentation, but only provide general guidance, such as review the rules and clarify the scenario.** Questions about the content of the scenario will not be answered by the Louisiana Envirothon (i.e. teams should interpret the scenario on their own).

The oral presentation component will be scored separately from the field testing exams. The oral presentation score will count 200 of the 700 total points and are combined with the five (100 pt.) field test scores.

**Oral Presentation Rules**
1. Oral presentations must be 10-12 minutes in duration (you are penalized for being under 10 minutes but not for being over; please try to stay within the 10-12 minute range.
2. Each team member must have an equal part in the oral presentation.
3. There will be a question and answer period conducted by the judges after you finish your presentation.
4. For graphics: official logos of agencies, organizations, etc. should NOT be edited or re-colored in any way as they may be trademarked. Graphics should be cited.
5. The use of videos or sound on slides is prohibited.
6. Slides may use the animation features that are available within the software only.
7. A maximum of 15 slides can be used per presentation. The slide count includes title slide and slide for citations for reference material. ALL references and resources must be cited in the team's presentation.
8. Presentations should be on a flash drive. Each team member may bring his/her prepared note cards (no larger than 4" x 6") for the presentation. No other items (props, notes, notebook paper, etc.) may be used. Prepared presentation materials will be turned in at competition registration and returned to teams just prior to their presentations. Please place flash drives and note cards in one zip lock bag. For back up, you may email presentations to laenvirothon@gmail.com.
9. During the team's oral presentation, no school identification, either written or verbal, is permitted.
10. Students may use Google Slides to make their presentations. Students are allowed to make graphics, charts, etc., to add to their presentation and use animation, but only that which is available within the program.

**Materials List**
1. Flash drive with presentation
2. Note cards (5 each)


**General Guidance and tips on Visual Aids preparation and presentations**
1. Communication is more effective if your audience receives information they can see, in addition to the information they hear.
2. Use graphics to clarify ideas.
3. Keep slides simple in detail and wording.
4. Use large letters, numbers and pictures that can be easily read from any part of the room. (remember the judges must be able to read your slides.)
5. Some experts suggest using the 5/5, 6/6, or 7/7 rule. They are all the same idea in practice. For example, no more than five words per line of text, five lines of text per slide, and no more than five text-heavy slides in a row. This excludes slide titles from the count. This would apply the 6/6 or 7/7 rules in the same way. Try to use a maximum of 10 lines.
6. Use a subject heading or title and underline it.
7. Highlight key words and ideas; or use only key words.
8. Check information for accuracy.
9. Face the audience, not the display when speaking.
10. Tips here on the Envirothon YouTube page: **https://youtu.be/5DKm61Dw-P0?si=htDYOzontWQkirab** *** NOTE, as you have read, we are no longer using posters, we are using slides, but please pay attention to the speaking tips.***