



# The Maryland Envirothon

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## Maryland Envirothon Code of Conduct

The Maryland Envirothon expects students participating in programs to behave in an acceptable manner and in accordance with the Maryland Envirothon Code of Conduct. Envirothon participants, who engage in unacceptable conduct, including the following behaviors, are subject to disciplinary actions and/or removal from the competition.

- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and/or illegal drugs.
- Possession or use of weapons or dangerous materials.
- Possession or use of tobacco products.
- Misuse of prescription or nonprescription drugs.
- Sexual activity.
- Lying, cheating, and misrepresenting project work or other unethical practices.
- Unauthorized absence from site or presence in restricted areas.
- Physical, verbal, emotional, or mental abuse of or threats toward another person.
- Theft, destruction, or abuse of property.

Any participant in the Envirothon who engages in conduct (including the above behaviors) that, in the discretion of the Envirothon staff in charge, may jeopardize the health or safety of the participant or others, or the Envirothon Competition, will be dismissed immediately from the program (meeting, activity, event, trip, camp, etc.). The participant's parent or guardian will be responsible for providing transportation home for a child if dismissed.

At the conclusion of the Envirothon, participants and his/her parent or guardian will be notified in writing of the nature of any unacceptable conduct for which sanctions (up to and including suspension from future Envirothon) are being considered. In such cases:

- The Envirothon Executive Committee will set up a meeting to hear the participant. The participant's parent or guardian will be permitted to be present at such time.
- Following the meeting, the participant and his or her parent/guardian will be notified in writing of the outcome of the meeting and any sanction(s) to be imposed.
- Sanctions may be appealed in writing within seven (7) days after receiving notice of the decision, to the Envirothon Executive Committee.

“I HAVE READ THE MARYLAND ENVIROTHON CODE OF CONDUCT. I AM AWARE THAT MY ACTIONS AND DECISIONS AFFECT ME AND OTHERS AND MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE PROGRAMS. I WILL ACCEPT THE APPROPRIATE AND LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF MY ACTIONS, AS DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND ENVIROTHON”

Participant Signature

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

“AS THE PARENT/GUARDIAN OF \_\_\_\_\_, I HAVE READ THE MARYLAND ENVIROTHON CODE OF CONDUCT AND WILL SUPPORT THE INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE IN MAINTAINING APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR. I AGREE TO ACCEPT THE APPROPRIATE AND LOGICAL CONSEQUENCES OF MY CHILD’S ACTIONS AS DETERMINED BY MARYLAND ENVIROTHON.”

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

“It is the policy of the Maryland Envirothon that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital or parental status or disability.”