



Preliminary Oral Presentation Judging Room Guests: Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines

Please contact NCF-Envirothon staff or Competition Advisory Team (CAT) members with questions or issues.

The following guidelines are derived from the [NCF-Envirothon Competition Rules and Regulations](#), specifically outlined in these sections: Section IV.4, Section IV.6.e., Section IV.6.f., Section IV.6.i., Section IV.6.i.i., Section IV.7., Section IV.9., and the 2026 NCF-Envirothon Oral Presentation Rules, Guidelines, and Procedures.

Guidelines and Procedures

- Teams may agree to permit Judging Room Guests to observe their preliminary OP Judging sessions.
 - Judging Room Guests may include Advisors, Chaperones, Guests and/or other attendees as approved by the Team.
- With the Team's permission, Judging Room Guests can observe and/or document (through videography or photography) the presentation of the team they are supporting during the NCF-Envirothon Annual Competition.
 - Judging Room Guests are **ONLY** permitted to observe the specific team they are accompanying to the NCF-Envirothon Annual Competition. This means that team advisors may **ONLY** observe their own team, while guests may only watch the team representing their state, province, or partner nation.
- There shall be **NO** interaction between the Judging Room Guests and either the Team or the Judges in the room at any time, especially during the team's presentation.
- All Judging Room Guests are required to follow these procedures:
 - Guests should be seated at the back of the room, behind the judges, throughout the entire session until the Q&A portion concludes.
 - Once the presentation begins, Guests will **NOT** be permitted to enter or exit the room.
 - All cell phones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices belonging to Guests must be turned **OFF** or set to **SILENT** mode. Please ensure there are no vibrations or notification sounds that could distract the team or judges.
 - Guests should maintain a quiet atmosphere (for example, no side conversations, refraining from rustling bags or purses, and minimizing other distractions) to ensure that the team and judges are not interrupted.
 - Flash photography is not permitted by Guests.
 - Video recording devices may be placed behind the judges, but they must remain unobtrusive and not disrupt either the Team or the Judges. All video recordings

should be stationary - no one should be wandering around the room to capture different angles.

- No small children in the Preliminary Judging Rooms.
- Guests should make sure they do not become a distraction for the team, as such interruptions could affect the team's judging score.

Other Judging Room Attendees

- **Important Notice:** Approved volunteers, media, members of the Competition Advisory Team (CAT), NCF-Envirothon staff, Operating Committee members, Host Committee members, and other authorized individuals may attend any team's presentation. This is to ensure consistency in the competition and to capture photos or videos for promotional use. These individuals will strive to be as unobtrusive as possible while adhering to the above Guidelines.