

Oral Defense of Written Plan

Senior Event

Objectives

Each contestant will demonstrate his/her understanding of wildlife management individually by responding to questions about the team's written wildlife management plan.

Overview

In this event, each contestant appears before one or two judges and answers questions about the team's wildlife management plan. To be successful and score well in the Oral Defense of Written Plan, it is important that each and every team member actively participates in developing the wildlife management plan. Each team member is expected to demonstrate his or her understanding of the plan in this event.

Contest Rules

1. Contestants are to prepare for the oral defense during time allotted for writing the wildlife management plan.
2. Team members are called individually to face a panel of one or two judges and answer a series of questions related to their written plan.

Scoring Oral Defense of Written Plan

Each team member will be scored individually. Judges use a score sheet with specific criteria to evaluate responses. Practice for this event using the score sheet by judging yourself and your teammates. Offer one or two areas of improvement to each person. Notice that the majority of points on the scorecard are awarded to knowledge of the subject matter. The remaining points focus on your presentation style.

The top three scores will be added together to contribute to your team's score. If four persons are on a team, the lowest score will be dropped. If only three persons are on a team, all three scores will be used.

Note: Scores for Oral Defense of Written Plan are not included in determining high individual scores.