

ECO-MEET GUIDELINES FOR TABLE TESTS

- 1) In each of these events students are competing for both individual honors as well as team scores at the regional level. **However, in the state competition, only those who were winners at the regional events will be eligible for awards. The scores of those who were not winners at regional events will only count towards their team's total score for the day.** Team members will work independently from one another and no resource materials are allowed. The highest three individual team members' scores will be averaged together for a total team score. This means that 4-member teams will have the lowest individual score dropped and 3-member teams will have no scores dropped.
- 2) The tests will be worth 100 points each, although the number of questions for each test may vary. The format will be multiple-choice questions in each event and the answer sheets are "darken in the appropriate circle". There is only one correct answer for each question. If two answers are marked, then the question is automatically counted as wrong. **Pencils only are to be used on the answer sheets.** The tests will be mechanically graded by a Scantron machine. The test papers will not be returned to the student. However, at the end of the ECO-Meet correct answers will be provided for all questions. One hour is allotted for each of these events. Since the questions are spread out over several tables, all students will not start at question #1 and work straight through to the end. It is imperative that students make certain they mark their answer sheets in accordance with the question numbers.
- 3) These events are similar in nature to a college level Zoology Lab final. Live animals, audio taped calls, study skins, mounted/preserved specimens, and/or portions of Kansas' specimens may be displayed. Specimens should not be handled or touched unless specifically directed to by staff. Questions such as "please identify this specimen" or other questions relating to the specimen's natural history/ecology may be asked. **During the testing, only participating students will be allowed in the room.** Coaches, parents, or other observers may view the materials and questions after the final Habitat and Focus events are held. **No recordings - video, audio or written - may be made of the test materials.**
- 4) The first and second place overall individuals in both of these events at regional ECO-Meets will qualify to attend the State ECO-Meet and compete for individual scholarships in their qualifying event(s). In case of a tie, tiebreaker questions will be given to determine the final top two winners for both events.
- 5) If a school arrives late to the ECO-Meet and they were scheduled to begin with either of these two events, no extra time will be allotted. Students will be expected to complete as much of the event as they can in the time remaining.