

Team Update 28

General

FIRST Championship Judging

A [blog](#) with details about updates to FIRST Championship Judging has been posted.

Competition Manual

6.1 Team Judged Awards Overview and Schedule

6.1.2 Structured Interview

All teams are encouraged to prepare for a structured interview session where the team can present a prepared oral presentation to a small panel of JUDGES, followed by a Q&A session. Typically, these interviews follow a standard timeline (Figure 6-3) and last at least 10 minutes long, per [A205](#).

Instead of the structured interview, interviews conducted at the FIRST Championship have a different format. Teams should refer to the interview format outlined in [Section 15.1.2](#) for more details.

6.2 Team Judged Award Rules

This section outlines rules for in-person judging of Team Judged Awards. Modifications for the judging process at the FIRST Championship can be found in [Section 15.1](#).

15.1 Awards Modifications

The Judging process may will be modified for the FIRST Championship to accommodate for venue limitations and the large number of teams at the event. Any process or awards modifications will be published in or before the last regularly scheduled Team Update as described in section [1.8 Team Updates](#). The process and awards modifications are described below.

Awards from section [6 Awards \(A\)](#) are all awarded in each division only, except for as shown in Table 15-1. All teams attending the FIRST Championship are eligible for any team judged award they meet the criteria for regardless of awards won at prior events.

Table 15-1: FIRST Championship Awards

Award	Per Division	FIRST Championship
Inspire Award	1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd Place	1 st Place*
FIRST Leadership Award	0	10
Compass Award	0	1
*The FIRST Championship Inspire Award Winner will be selected from one of the 6 Division Inspire Award Winners.		

15.1.1 Championship Portfolio Submissions

As outlined in [A201](#) and [A202](#), teams have the opportunity submit a team PORTFOLIO to be used as part of the judging process. For the *FIRST* Championship, teams will be required to submit their PORTFOLIOS online ahead of the event. PORTFOLIO submission instructions can be found in the [FTC Scoring – Team and Coach Guide](#). PORTFOLIOS can be uploaded between March 27th and April 6th at 11:59 PM CDT. For any issues with PORTFOLIO submissions please email customerservice@firstinspires.org.

15.1.2 Championship Interview Process

At the *FIRST* Championship, instead of a structured interview, teams will be judged in pit-based interviews. Teams must attend the initial pit interview to be considered for any judged awards at the *FIRST* Championship.

During the initial pit interview, teams will have up to 10 minutes to talk to the JUDGES. There are no restrictions on the number of people or restrictions on recordings of audio or video, or photos besides restrictions outlined in [E117](#) during the pit-based interviews.

Initial interviews consist of the following:

- A. In addition to submitting their PORTFOLIOS as outlined in [Section 15.1.1](#), teams are encouraged to have an electronic or physical copy of their PORTFOLIO or other supporting materials available to reference during this interview.
- B. Teams have the opportunity to give a prepared 5-minute uninterrupted presentation
- C. Teams will be asked the same baseline questions:
 - a. Did your team have to make any compromises in your ROBOT design?
 - b. How did your team set your goals and strategies for the season?
- D. If time allows, teams may be asked additional questions by the JUDGES on
 - a. Machine, Creativity, and Innovation (MCI) topics
 - b. Team Attributes (TA) topics

Teams should inform the JUDGES at the start of the interview if they have a presentation or want to proceed directly into the Q&A session. Teams should be conscious of the time allocated for their interview. Although a team may opt to give a presentation, it is not required, and teams will not be given additional questions and answer time to accommodate this presentation. The interview will conclude after approximately 10 minutes with the JUDGES.

After this initial interview is conducted, JUDGES will continue the judging process using information they gather from the PORTFOLIO (if submitted) and additional interviews outlined in section [6.1.3 Pit Interview\(s\)](#).

Teams are encouraged to have one representative present in their pit during active judging windows as noted in the [Event Public Schedule](#) to help coordinate a meeting with the JUDGES.

Judges will make every effort to interview teams in their pit, while respecting MATCH and lunch schedules. When necessary, interviews may take place elsewhere in the pit area, such as in the practice FIELD line.

15.1.3 Championship Compass Award Submissions

Videos for Compass Award at the *FIRST* Championship can be submitted by Lead Coach 1 or 2 using the [submission form](#) by April 8th.