



# Judging Updates

*FIRST LEGO League  
Maryland*

# NEW!

## Team Meeting Guide & Engineering Notebooks

- Not Required
- Designed to help Rookie Teams
- Printed before season began
- Difference with official Game Guide



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- Game Guide
  - \* This is where the OFFICIAL rules and Field Setup are!
- Challenge Updates
  - \* Teams responsibility to check these!
  - \* Overrides Game Guide



*Head Judge/Head Ref at qualifier have final say on rules*

# FLL Judging

ROBOT GAME

PROJECT

CORE VALUES

- ✓ Teams will be Judged in a closed room, 10 Min Session (1-2 Adults may accompany but no interaction)
- ✓ All Students must participate in each judging session (Project, Core Values, Robot Design)
- ✓ Robot Design Executive Summary and Core Values Poster will not be used in Maryland.
- ✓ Engineering Notebooks will not be required during judging.

## Awards

- ✓ Teams must participate in all three judged areas and compete in the robot game to be eligible for any award or advancement
- ✓ Any Team not demonstrating FLL Core Values is disqualified from winning any award or advancement.
- ✓ 3 Judged Awards (Project, Core Values, Robot Design) & 1 Robot Performance Award
- ✓ Champions Award – Best in all areas
- ✓ With the exception of the Robot Performance Award, Teams can only win one award.
- ✓ Teams will receive a copy of the rubrics filled out by judges
- ✓ Additional awards will vary by qualifier

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# Advancement to State Championship

## Eligibility Requirements

- Follow all FLL participation rules
  - 2-10 members per team
  - All students participate in each area
- No disqualifying Core Values Behaviors (Coaches too!)
- Complete all 3 areas of innovative project

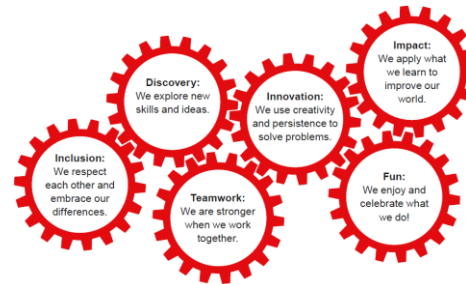
## How are teams selected

- Champions Award criteria is used
- Eligible teams are considered based on performance in the three judged areas **and robot game score!**
- Equal weight given to each of all areas (must participate in everything!)
- Similar percentage of teams advance from each qualifier (last two years, ~20%)

***Teams may win awards without advancing and may advance without winning Awards!***

# New in Robot Design Judging

- ✓ No Table in Robot Design Judging
- ✓ Will focus on 3 rubric areas:
  - \* Mechanical Design
  - \* Programming
  - \* Strategy & Innovation
- ✓ Will be provided a photo of the mat for explanations
- ✓ Will shift focus away from trying to get a successful run accomplished.
- ✓ New Rubric Language



# Advice

- ✓ **Make it Fun!!!!**
- ✓ **Kids do the work**
- ✓ **Start early on Project**
- ✓ **Practice your Presentation**
- ✓ **Realistic expectations. Set goals, celebrate them**
- ✓ **Create a season calendar, starting with your qualifier, and work backwards.**
- ✓ **Get Parents involved (Snacks, supplies, field trips)**
- ✓ **Visit early qualifiers**
- ✓ **Volunteer at qualifiers**
- ✓ **Make it Fun!!!!**

# Want More?

What to expect in Judging session!

Questions?

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