

2020 -2021 Awards Ceremony Script

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Important Notes:

- Awards **MUST** be presented in the order listed below.
- At some events, closing ceremonies occur during the semi-final and final rounds, with speakers and award presentations placed between matches. This script is organized with events all together, but could easily be separated. You could also present the Promote and Compass Awards during your opening ceremonies
- The script for the Collins Aerospace Innovate Award should **not be changed** at an event.

Speaker	Dialogue	Blocking Notes
Emcee	<p>Welcome to the [Insert Name of Event] Awards and Closing Ceremony for <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge ULTIMATE GOAL (presented by Qualcomm)!</p> <p>As you've experienced, <i>FIRST</i> is a community of global citizens, we're more than an organization – we're a family, a movement, a culture for participants, volunteers and supporters. Programs like <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge are essential for creating scientists and innovators. This generation of scientists and innovators and the next are truly the key to saving the world and we must do all we can to believe in them by preparing and celebrating them.</p> <p>Let's celebrate the outstanding day we've had, and our incredible participants. Before we hand out our awards, let's thank the awesome people who made this event happen.</p> <p>Today could not have been possible without our volunteers! Please give a big round of applause for all the volunteers who have given their time, effort, dedication, and so much more to champion the game and make this program a success.</p> <p>And another big round of applause for our generous sponsors: Our <i>FIRST</i> GAME CHANGERS powered by Star Wars: Force for Change season sponsor Disney and Lucasfilm, the ULTIMATE GOAL Season Presenting Sponsor,</p>	Emcee comes to stage.

	<p>Qualcomm, and our Official Program Sponsor Collins Aerospace! Thank you!</p> <p>Before we hand out the awards, I would like to introduce our special guest.</p>	
Emcee	<i>[Introduce first speaker, include a few personal sentences describing why the speaker is important to FIRST and our FIRST Tech Challenge program]</i>	Speaker comes to stage, shakes hand. Emcee steps aside.
Speaker	<i>[Brief comments]</i>	Leaves stage. Emcee comes forward.
Emcee	Let's give a round of applause to our Judges, Refs and FTAs for all of their expertise, dedication and hard work today as they make their way up to the front for the presentation of awards.	Emcee applauds. Volunteers file onto the stage, line up at the back.
Emcee	<p style="text-align: center;">Judges Award (Optional)</p> <p>The Judges Award is given at the discretion of the Judges to a team they have encountered whose unique efforts, performance or dynamics merit recognition, yet the team does not fit into any of the existing award categories. Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>The Judges Award is presented to:</p> <p><i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	Team comes forward, high-fives volunteers, receives award/medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.
Emcee	<p style="text-align: center;">Compass Award (Optional)</p> <p>The Compass Award recognizes an adult coach or mentor who provided outstanding guidance and support for a FIRST Tech Challenge team throughout the year. The winner of the Compass Award is determined from candidates nominated student team members, via a 40-60 second video, highlighting how their mentor has helped them become an outstanding team and has truly demonstrated what it means to be a Gracious Professional.</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Second Runner-up for the Compass Award goes to:</p> <p><i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p>	

	The First Runner-up for the Compass Award is: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>	
Emcee	Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award <i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i>	
Emcee	The Compass Award winner is: <i>[Insert winning mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team location]</i>	
Emcee	Promote Award (Optional) The Promote Award is given to the team that is most successful in creating a compelling message for the public designed to change our culture and celebrate science, technology, engineering and math. The video submission was evaluated by the Judges to determine the winner of this award. Teams must present a thoughtful and high-quality video which appeals to the general public and best exhibits this year's topic of "Why does FIRST Tech Challenge work?"	
Emcee	The Second Runner-up for the Promote Award goes to: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i> The First Runner-up for the Promote Award is: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>	
Emcee	Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award <i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i>	
Emcee	The Promote Award is presented to: <i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>	Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.
Emcee	Control Award, sponsored by Arm Inc. The Control Award sponsored by Arm, Inc celebrates the team that demonstrates innovative thinking in the control system to solve game challenges such as autonomous operation, enhancing mechanical systems with intelligent control, or using sensors to achieve better results on the field.	
Emcee	The Second Runner-up for the Control Award goes to:	

	<p><i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <p>The First Runner-up for the Control Award is: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Control Award is presented to:</p> <p><i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	<p>Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.</p>
Emcee	<p style="text-align: center;">Motivate Award</p> <p>Next we have the Motivate Award. The team that receives the Motivate Award has the culture of <i>FIRST</i> and clearly shows what it means to be a team. This award celebrates the team that represents the essence of the <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge competition through team building, team spirit, and displayed enthusiasm. This is a team who makes a collective effort to make <i>FIRST</i> known throughout their school, and community and sparks others to embrace the culture of <i>FIRST</i>.</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Second Runner-up for the Motivate Award goes to: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <p>The First Runner-up for the Motive Award is: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Motivate Award is presented to:</p> <p><i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	<p>Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.</p>
Emcee	<p style="text-align: center;">Design Award</p> <p>The Design Award expands on this year's challenge, inspiring teams to incorporate industrial design into their</p>	

	<p>robots. These elements can be shown in the simplicity of the design as it applies to the tasks, the look and feel of the robot in how the design allows us to think of robots in new ways. The design aspect must serve a function – but they should also differentiate the robot in a unique fashion.</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Second Runner-up for the Design Award goes to: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <p>The First Runner-up for the Design Award is: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>The Design Award is presented to:</p> <p><i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	<p>Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.</p>
Emcee	<p>Collins Aerospace Innovate Award (Do not alter script)</p> <p>The Collins Aerospace Innovate Award celebrates a team that has the ingenuity and inventiveness to make their designs come to life. This award is given to the team that the Judges feel has the most innovative and creative robot design solution to the <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge game. Elements of this award include elegant design, robustness and ‘out of the box’ thinking with regard to design.</p> <p>This award may address the design of the whole robot or some sub- assembly component of the robot. The creative component needs to work consistently, but a robot does not have to work all of the time during matches to be considered for this award. The team’s engineering notebook showed the design of the component(s) and the team’s robot, and clearly explains how the team arrived at their solution.</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Second Runner-up for the Collins Aerospace Innovate Award goes to: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p>	

	The First Runner-up for the Collins Aerospace Innovate Award is: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>	
Emcee	Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award: <i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i>	
Emcee	The Collins Aerospace Innovate Award is presented to: <i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i>	Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.
Emcee	Connect Award The Connect Award is presented to the team that the Judges' feel most connected with their local Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) community. A true <i>FIRST</i> team is more than the sum of its parts, and recognizes that engaging their local STEM community plays an essential part in their success. The recipient of this award is recognized for helping the community understand <i>FIRST</i> , the <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge, and the team itself. In addition, the team that is recognized by this award aggressively seeks and recruits engineers and explores the opportunities available in the world of engineering, science, and technology.	
Emcee	The Second Runner-up for the Connect Award goes to: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i> The First Runner-up for the Connect Award is: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>	
Emcee	Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award: <i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i>	
Emcee	The Connect Award is presented to <i>[insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i>	Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.
Emcee	Think Award The Think Award is given to the team that the Judges feel	

	<p>best reflects the journey of the engineering design process. The engineering notebook is the key reference for Judges to help them identify the most deserving team. This team's engineering notebook focused on the design and build stages of the team's robot and exemplified their journey as a team and engineers.</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Second Runner-up for the Think Award goes to: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <p>The First Runner-up for the Think Award is: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this Award:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>The Think Award is presented to:</p> <p><i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	<p>Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.</p>
Emcee	<p>Now for the next few awards, I would like all the teams I call on to come up to the front.</p>	
Emcee	<p style="text-align: center;">Finalist Alliance</p> <p>Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now recognize the winners of today's competition.</p>	
Emcee	<p>Our Finalist Alliance:</p> <p><i>[Introduce Captain of the Finalist Alliance, Team number, Team name and Team location]</i></p>	<p>Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.</p>
Emcee	<p><i>[After Captain Team is presented their trophy, introduce first Team picked on Finalist Alliance, Team number, Team name and Team location]</i></p>	<p>Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.</p>
Emcee	<p><i>[After first Team picked is presented their trophy, introduce second Team picked on Finalist Alliance, Team number, Team name and Team location]</i></p>	<p>Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, all three Teams pose for an Alliance photo, all Teams leave stage.</p>

Emcee	Our Winning Alliance: <i>[Introduce Captain of the Winning Alliance, Team number, Team name and Team location]</i>	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.
Emcee	<i>[After Captain Team is presented their trophy, introduce first Team picked on Winning Alliance, Team number, Team name and Team location]</i>	Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<i>[After first Team picked is presented their trophy, introduce second Team picked on Winning Alliance, Team number, Team name and Team location]</i>	Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), all three Teams pose for an Alliance photo, all Teams leave stage.
Emcee	<p style="text-align: center;">Dean’s List Semi-Finalists</p> <p><i>FIRST</i> Dean’s List Finalists are outstanding student leaders whose passion for and effectiveness at attaining <i>FIRST</i> ideals is exemplary. These students were nominated by their teams for their direct contributions and impact on others – exemplifying leadership and commitment, on their <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge team, in their school, and in their community. <i>FIRST</i> Dean’s List Semi-Finalists, recognized here today, will be considered within their state/region for the two spots as Dean’s List Finalists. Congratulations:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>[You may give some background information on each student, gathered from their submitted essay or from their judged interview]</i></p>	<p><i>* If an event has Dean’s List Semi-Finalists, recognize them with the following]</i></p> <p>Semi-Finalists are asked to stand to be recognized for being nominated for the Dean’s List Award.</p>
Emcee	<p style="text-align: center;">The Inspire Award</p> <p>The Inspire Award is presented to the Team that the Judges felt truly embodied the ‘challenge’ of the <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge program. The Team that receives this award is a strong ambassador for <i>FIRST</i> programs and works to promote <i>FIRST</i> and make it loud in their community. The Team that receives this Award has performed well in all Judging categories and was chosen by the Judges as a model <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge team both on and off the playing field. This team shares their experiences, enthusiasm and knowledge with other teams, sponsors, their community, and the Judges. Working as a unit, this team will have shown success in performing the task of designing and building a robot. The</p>	

	Judges used observations made during interviews and in the pit area, the team's engineering notebook, and performance on the playing field in determining the winner.	
Emcee	The Second Runner-up is: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>	Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.
Emcee	The First Runner-up is: <i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>	Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives aware/medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.
Emcee	Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award <i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i>	
Emcee	The Inspire Award is presented to: <i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i>	Team comes forward, high- 5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photos, leaves stage.
Emcee	Thank you all for being a great audience today, bringing your Gracious Professionalism to the event, and supporting the next generation of innovators and game changers! And thank you to everyone today for making this an excellent competition, celebration, and <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge season!	Everyone leaves the stage.