

2020-2021 Remote Opening Ceremony Script

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Speaker	Dialogue	Blocking Notes
Affiliate Partner or Event Director	<p>Good morning <i>[Insert name of Locale]!</i> Welcome to the remote <i>[Insert name of Event]</i> I'm the <i>[insert FIRST® Tech Challenge title here]</i> and my name is _____. <i>This event will run from (submission window). All matches must be submitted within this window.</i></p>	Affiliate Partner or Event Director on screen in Speaker View. (Mute other participants)
Affiliate Partner or Event Director	<p>Welcome to ULTIMATE GOAL presented by Qualcomm, part of the <i>FIRST GAME CHANGERS</i> season powered by <i>Star Wars: Force for Change</i>.</p> <p><i>FIRST</i> is a global robotics community preparing young people for the future. <i>FIRST</i> engages students in grades pre-K through 12 in our suite of STEM programs, <i>FIRST LEGO League</i>, <i>FIRST Robotics Competition</i>, and of course, <i>FIRST Tech Challenge</i>.</p> <p><i>FIRST Tech Challenge</i> started in 2005 and we've grown to more than 6,000 teams in more than 25 countries. This continues the transformative impact of <i>FIRST</i> programs, and you are a part of this movement! All of you are helping make this program possible for the next generation of innovators at this event. Thank you.</p> <p>We're going to have a blast today! I can't wait to see how everything comes together as these XX teams have been working hard to design and build their robots for this season's challenge, <i>ULTIMATE GOAL</i>.</p> <p>As you know from tackling the challenge this year, STEM skills have never been so important to solving the issues facing the world today and <i>FIRST Tech Challenge</i> is forming the leaders and innovators of tomorrow by getting kids involved in these disciplines early.</p> <p>But remember, <i>FIRST</i> doesn't end with high school! If college is your next step, <i>FIRST</i> partners with 200 colleges and universities who want <i>FIRST</i> participants and Alumni– and have made nearly \$80 million dollars in scholarships available. Regardless of education level, <i>FIRST</i> works with industry to help you explore career paths and opportunities - and to make sure you have access to the most valuable resource of all – each other!</p> <p>Learn more about scholarships, internships and alumni opportunities at firstinspires.org/alumni. Here's a quick video to show you more about our scholarship and alumni program!</p>	<p><Share screen to play Alumni video: • 1:30 full video, •></p>

<p>Affiliate Partner or Event Director</p>	<p>While we're talking about life after high school, let's take a moment to recognize a group of leaders in the <i>FIRST</i> community, and on your Teams: the <i>FIRST</i> Alumni and high school Seniors.</p> <p>Thank you for all that you continue to do to further the mission of <i>FIRST</i> and inspire the next generation!</p> <p>For some of you, ULTIMATE GOAL may be your final season competing in <i>FIRST</i>. We would like to take a moment to recognize those who will soon become <i>FIRST</i> Alumni. Would all students in their final year of high school wave! You are becoming <i>FIRST</i> Alumni now too and we look forward to seeing what you do next!</p> <p>To help you on the next steps in your journey, please visit</p> <p>(Share PP slide with link to alumni handbook and resources and alumni@firstsinspires.org email)</p>	<p>Unmute participants to lead applause.</p> <p>Lead applause</p> <p><i>FIRST</i> seniors process</p> <p>Play graduation music</p>
<p>Affiliate Partner or Event Director</p>	<p>I want to take a moment to recognize and thank all the parents, coaches, mentors and volunteers who help make these events possible.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>We ask all of you today to honor the <i>FIRST</i> ethos, <i>Gracious Professionalism</i>®. This means doing your best work, and at the same time, we're going to respect and value the other students, teams and volunteers here.</p> <p>Today is where all the hard work you've put into designing, building and programming your robots comes to life in thrilling competition. Good luck.</p>	

	And now, I'd like to introduce today's Master of Ceremonies – <i>[Insert name]</i>	
Emcee	Good morning and welcome! Let me hear you make some noise! I said let me hear you make some noise! That's better. This is going to be a great week of competition., We have a few distinguished guests I'd like to introduce. Please give a warm <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge welcome to <i>[insert Guest Speaker_title and name]</i> .	Emcee enters Speaker View Identify as <i>FIRST</i> alum if applicable
Guest Speaker	<i>[Guest Speaker comments]</i>	Guest Speaker enters Speaker View
Emcee	Next, it's my pleasure to introduce <i>[insert Guest Speaker title and name]</i> .	Emcee enters Speaker View
Guest Speaker	<i>[Guest Speaker comments]</i>	Guest Speaker enters Speaker View
Emcee	Each year, <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge creates new and exciting game for teams to learn and compete in. In this year's season, <i>FIRST</i> GAME CHANGERS powered by <i>Star Wars: Force for Change</i> , teams around the world are exploring the evolution of our sports and activities that make us physically and mentally strong. This year, teams are working to redefine the game and revolutionize the way we play and move. In the 2020-2021 game, <i>ULTIMATE GOAL</i> presented by Qualcomm, <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge participants will become teammates at the top of their game, competing in a thrilling sport — to score, to win, and to leave a legacy that lasts. They'll learn how to work together to recover from failure, build confidence, and champion each other to exceed team and personal potentials. Let's take a look at this year's season challenge!	Share screen to play <i>FIRST</i> GAME CHANGERS intro video and Game Animation
Emcee	Now I'd like to introduce you to a very important group of people, our Judges.	Share screen with Judges names and/or pictures.
Emcee	These individuals have the difficult job of singling out the best of the best from today's teams. They've already been busy this week, interviewing teams and reviewing engineering portfolios. We look forward to seeing the outcome of their hard work at the Awards Ceremony this afternoon. Let's give them a big round of applause for their dedication!	Unmute Participants for Applause

Emcee	We'd also like to thank our mentors and coaches who are critical to your learning experience and your team's success. Many of you are also mentoring teams from one of our other <i>FIRST</i> programs: <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League, and <i>FIRST</i> Robotics Competition, and may even be <i>FIRST</i> Alumni yourselves. On behalf of all <i>FIRST</i> , a big thank you to all the mentors and coaches. You really are champions of the game!	Applause
Emcee	A few minutes ago [Insert Affiliate Partner or Tournament Director] spoke about <i>Gracious Professionalism</i> . And who better to help further explain this core value of <i>FIRST</i> , than our very own Dean's List Award Winners!?	Share screen to play GP Video
Emcee	<u>(Please adjust the following schedule wording to apply to your event)</u> A huge thanks to our Dean's List students. Now here's the general schedule for the week. Following the qualifications, we'll announce the top ranked teams from the (insert event name) in the Awards Ceremony. And finally, after we have crowned a champion, we'll begin our Awards Ceremony to close out this exciting event.	
Emcee	Before we begin the matches, please rise for the playing/singing of our National Anthem.	National Anthem
Emcee	Teams, are you ready for ULTIMATE GOAL? Good luck to all the competitors!	Play music to keep energy up while team introductions begin.
Emcee		Introduce teams