

What do those Judges really do?

An Inside look at the *FIRST* Robotics Competition Judging Process

What does a Judge do?

- Interview and observe teams in the Pit, on the playing field and other areas
 - Visit the [FIRST Robotics Competition Awards Page](#) for a full description of the awards
- Review team provided materials
- Participate on Judge Panel to decide team/student awards recipients
- Write short awards scripts extolling merits of winning teams
- Assist with award presentations to teams



Judges evaluate attributes that help *FIRST* achieve its mission to change the culture.

The Judging Process

- Judges are divided into sets of 2 or 3 Judges
- Each set of judges is assigned certain teams to interview
- The goal is for each team to have at least 2 sets of judges talk with them.
- Judges come back to room and discuss teams and awards
- The Judge Advisor (JA) facilitates discussion with judges on best fit to criteria
 - Chairman's & Dean's List Judging are separate and are based on interviews.

Submitted Awards

Chairman's Award & *FIRST* Dean's List Award

- Teams must submit award submission by posted deadline.
- Judges review essays and compare data looking for information based on the [award criteria](#).
- At events, teams/students are randomly assigned to interview time slots
 - Chairman's: 12 minutes total (7 min presentation, 5 min Q&A)
 - Dean's List: 5 – 7 minute interviews
- Judges deliberate after all interviews have occurred
 - If teams/students have equal impact, those who use *FIRST* programs rise to the top.

