



# 2016-2017 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 all together, but could easily be separated. You could also present the Promote and Compass Awards during your Opening Ceremonies – it is your Event and you should personalize it in whatever way makes the most sense.
- While the Emcee is listed in this Script as doing most of the talking, it is recommended that the Tournament Director, Volunteer Coordinator, guest speakers (especially Sponsors), and Judges share the speaking responsibilities to make the Ceremony more dynamic, personal, and meaningful.
- The scripts for the PTC Design Award and the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award are **not to be changed** at an Event.

Speaker	Dialogue	Blocking Notes
Emcee	<p>Welcome to the [Insert Name of Event] <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Awards and Closing Ceremony! The <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge is just one of the awesome programs that exist in the <i>FIRST</i> progression of programs! <i>FIRST</i> has worked to create a progression of programs for aspiring science and technology leaders from the ages of 6 to 18! Our STEM programs are a fantastic opportunity for your students to have the hardest fun they've ever have!</p> <p>Speaking of the hardest fun you'll ever have, what an amazing day we've had! Before we hand out our prestigious Awards, let's thank the awesome people who made this event happen.</p> <p>Our <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Volunteers are the very best! Please give a big round of applause for all the volunteers who have given their time and effort, blood, sweat, and tears to make this program a stupendous success.</p> <p>Also today would not be possible without the amazing generosity of our <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Season Presenting Sponsor, Qualcomm, Our <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Official Program Sponsor Rockwell Collins, and Our <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Official IoT, CAD and Collaboration Software Sponsor PTC! Thank you!</p> <p>Before we hand out the Awards, I would like to introduce you to our special guest.</p>	Emcee comes to stage.
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	<p>If I could please have all of the Judges, Referees, and FTAs come up front for the presentation of the Awards. (Pause) Let's give a round of applause to our Judges, Refs and FTAs for all of their expertise, dedication and hard work.</p> <p><i>[Introduce Judges and Referees and FTAs]</i></p> <p>Thank you! And now, on to our Awards.</p>	Emcee applauds. Volunteers file onto the stage, line up at the back.
Emcee	<p><b>Judges Award (Optional)</b> 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><i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>The Judges Award is presented to: <i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<p><b>Compass Award (Optional)</b> The Compass Award recognizes an adult coach or mentor who provided outstanding guidance and support for an <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Team throughout the year. The winner of the Compass Award is determined from candidates nominated by <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge student Team members, via a 40-60 second video submission, highlighting how their mentor has helped them become an outstanding Team and truly demonstrated what it means to be a Gracious Professional.</p>	
Emcee	<p>The third place nominee for the Compass Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <p>The second place nominee for the Compass Award is: <i>[Insert mentor name, 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><i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>The Compass Award is presented to: <i>[Insert winning mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<p><b>Promote Award (Optional)</b> 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 <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge Public Service Announcement Video was evaluated by the Judges to determine the winner of this</p>	

	Award. Teams must present a thoughtful and high-quality video which appeals to the general public and best exhibits this year's topic of "This is how I plan to pay <i>FIRST</i> forward..."	
Emcee	The third place nominee for the Promote Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>  The second place nominee for the Promote 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 Promote Award is presented to: <i>[INSERT NAME]</i>	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<b>Control Award</b> The Control Award is given to 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 third place nominee for the Control Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>  The second place nominee for the Control 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 Control 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 photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<b>Motivate Award</b> Next we have the Motivate Award. This Judged Award celebrates the Team that exemplifies the essence of the <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge competition and embraces the culture of <i>FIRST</i> while making 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> .	

Emcee	<p>The third place nominee for the Motivate Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <p>The second place nominee for the Motive Award is: <i>[Insert mentor name, 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><i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>The Motivate Award is presented to:</p> <p><i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<p><b>PTC Design Award (Do not alter script)</b></p> <p>The intent of the PTC Design Award is to expand on the challenge, inspiring Teams to incorporate industrial design into their 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, and 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 third place nominee for the PTC Design Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <p>The second place nominee for the PTC Design Award is: <i>[Insert mentor name, 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><i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>The PTC Design Award is presented to:</p> <p><i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<p><b>Rockwell Collins Innovate Award (Do not alter script)</b></p> <p>The Rockwell Collins 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. Elements of this Award include elegant design, robustness and 'out of the box' thinking with regard to design. 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</p>	

	the Team's robot, and clearly explains how the Team arrived at their solution.	
Emcee	<p>The third place nominee for the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <p>The second place nominee for the Rockwell Collins Innovate Award is: <i>[Insert mentor name, 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><i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>The Rockwell Collins Innovate Award is presented to:</p> <p><i>[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<p><b>Connect Award</b> Our next Award, The Connect Award, is presented to the Team that the Judges' feel most connected with their local community, <i>FIRST</i> and the business world. The best Team is more than the sum of its parts, and recognizes that their schools and communities play an essential part to 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 wins this Award is aggressively seeking engineers and exploring the opportunities available in the world of engineering, science and technology.</p>	
Emcee	<p>The third place nominee for the Connect Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <p>The second place nominee for the Connect Award is: <i>[Insert mentor name, 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><i>[INSERT JUDGES' COMMENTS HERE]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>The Connect Award is presented to</p> <p><i>[insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]</i></p>	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<p><b>Think Award</b> The Think Award is given to the Team that the Judges feel best reflects the journey the team took as they experienced the engineering design process during the build season. The</p>	

	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.	
Emcee	The third place nominee for the Think Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>  The second place nominee for the Think 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 Think 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 photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<b>Finalist Alliance</b> Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now recognize the winners of the competition you watched over the course of the day.	
Emcee	Our Finalist Alliance:  <i>[Introduce Captain of the Finalist 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 Captain Team is presented their trophy, introduce first Team picked on Finalist 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 Finalist 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	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 photo(s), 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><i>[If an event has Dean's List Semi-Finalists, recognize them with the following]</i></p> <p><b>Dean's List Semi-Finalists</b>  <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: _____ <i>[You may give some background information on each student, gathered from their submitted essay or from their judged interview]</i></p>	The Semi-Finalists are asked to stand to be recognized for being nominated for the Dean's List Award.
Emcee	<p><i>[If an event has Dean's List Finalists recognize them with the following]</i></p> <p><b>Dean's List Finalists</b> (If applicable)  <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 FTC team, in their school, and in their community. <i>FIRST</i> Dean's List Finalists, recognized here today, are also our nominees for the <i>FIRST</i> Dean's List at the Championship. Congratulations: _____ <i>[You may give some background information on each student, gathered from their submitted essay or from their judged interview]</i></p>	Finalists come forward, high5s Volunteers, receives Award, wait for all finalists to arrive on stage, and then poses for a group photo. Following the photo the finalists return to their seats.
Emcee	<p><b>The Inspire Award</b>  The Inspire Award is given to the Team that the Judges felt truly embodied the 'challenge' of the FTC 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 on and off the playing field. The Judges used Match performance, observations made during interviews and in the pit area, the Team's Engineering Notebook, and performance on the playing field in determining the winner.</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Third Place Inspire Award Winner is:</p> <p><i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p>	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<p>The Second Place Inspire Award Winner is:</p>	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives





	<i>[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>	Award/Medals, poses for photo(s), 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 First Place 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 photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	Families and friends, thank you all for being a great audience today! Students, thank you for bringing your Gracious Professionalism to the competition today! We had a really excellent event and are looking forward to seeing you all next year!	Everyone leaves the stage.

