



2019-2020 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!</p> <p>As many of you know, <i>FIRST</i> is a non-profit and a global movement transforming lives and inspiring future innovators, and problem solvers. <i>FIRST</i> engages students in our four STEM programs including <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League Jr., <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League, <i>FIRST</i> Robotics Competition, and of course, <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge. Our STEM programs are a fantastic opportunity to have the hardest fun you'll ever have!</p> <p>Speaking of the hardest fun you'll ever have, what an outstanding day we've had! 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 make this program a success.</p> <p>Also, a big round of applause for our generous sponsors, especially our Presenting Sponsor, 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 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	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.
	Judges Award (Optional)	

Emcee	<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><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-fives volunteers, receives award/medals, poses for photo(s), leaves stage.
Emcee	<p>Compass Award (Optional) The Compass Award recognizes an adult coach or mentor who provided outstanding guidance and support for a <i>FIRST</i> 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: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <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></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 winner is: <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>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 "How has FIRST changed YOU?"</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Second Runner-up for the Promote Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p>	

	The First Runner-up 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	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: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i> The First Runner-up 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	Motivate Award 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> .	
Emcee	The Second Runner-up for the Motivate Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i>	

	The First Runner-up for the Motive 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 Motivate 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	Design Award The Design Award expands on this year's 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 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.	
Emcee	The Second Runner-up for the Design Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i> The First Runner-up for the Design 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 Design 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	Collins Aerospace Innovate Award (Do not alter script) 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. 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.	
Emcee	<p>The Second Runner-up for the Collins Aerospace Innovate Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i></p> <p>The First Runner-up for the Collins Aerospace 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 Collins Aerospace 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>Connect Award</p> <p>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.</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Second Runner-up 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 First Runner-up 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	Think Award	

	The Think Award is given to the team that the Judges feel 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.	
Emcee	The Second Runner-up for the Think Award goes to: <i>[Insert mentor name, Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]</i> The First Runner-up 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	Now for the next few awards, I would like all the teams I call on to come up to the front.	
Emcee	Finalist Alliance Ladies and Gentlemen, we will now recognize the winners of today's competition.	
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:	Team comes forward, high-5s Volunteers, receives

	<i>[Introduce Captain of the Winning Alliance, Team number, Team name and Team location]</i>	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>Dean's List Semi-Finalists <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>	<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>The Inspire Award 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 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.</p>	
Emcee	<p>The Second Runner-up is: _____ <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	The First Runner-up is: _____	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 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	Thank you all for being a great audience today for helping support the next generation of leaders and innovators and for bringing your Gracious Professionalism to the competition! And a big thank you everyone for we had an excellent event and look forward to seeing you next year!	Everyone leaves the stage.

