6.0 Eligibility and Advancement Criteria

6.1 Eligibility to Compete in Official FIRST Tech Challenge Tournaments:

6.1.1 North America Teams
To compete in an official FIRST Tech Challenge tournament at any level, a Team must be registered and in good standing with FIRST.

1. The Team must complete the registration process through the Team Registration System.
2. The Team registration fee must be paid.
3. Two adults must pass the Youth Protection screening process.

6.1.2 Outside North America
Teams outside of North America are encouraged, but not required, to register through the Team Registration System. Fees will not be due to FIRST for the registration. Teams outside of North America should consult the Affiliate Partner in their region for program fees and product purchase.

6.2 Eligibility for Judged Awards
Teams are eligible to be considered for all Judged Awards (except the Inspire Award, please see Inspire section for details) at any of the first three tournaments they participate in at each of the following levels. Teams may compete at each level in any region that will accept them. Affiliate Partners have the authority to decide if their tournament is open to Teams from other regions, or only for Teams within their region.

- League Tournament
- Qualifying Tournament
- Super Qualifying Tournament
- Championship Tournament

6.2.1 Inspire Award Eligibility
Teams that have won the inspire Award at another event of the same level, regardless of the region, cannot be considered for the Inspire Award or as an Inspire Award Finalist at additional tournaments at that level.

All Teams are eligible to be considered for all judged awards at a World Championship Tournament.

6.3 Eligibility for Advancement
Teams are eligible for advancement at any one of the first three tournaments they participate in at any of the following levels, regardless of the region. This applies to both Teams in North America, and Teams outside of North America:

- League Tournament
- Qualifying Tournament
- Super Qualifying Tournament
- Championship Tournament

A Team can only earn a spot to one World Championship event per season.
## Tournament Type | Advances To | Special Considerations
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Qualifying Tournament | State or Regional Championship Tournament | A Team is eligible to advance to the next competition tier from one of the first three Qualifying, League, or Super-Qualifying Tournaments they attend.
League Tournament | State or Regional Championship Tournament | A Team may participate in more than three Tournaments in the same competition tier but are not eligible for consideration for advancement or Awards at Tournaments beyond their third.
Super-Qualifying Tournament | FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship | Teams advance from a State or Regional Championship Tournament to one of the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championships.
State or Regional Championship Tournament | FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship |  

### 6.4 Order of Advancement
If the Team listed has already advanced or there is no Team fitting that description (as in 2nd Team selected at smaller tournaments), the advancement will continue in order.

1. Optional – Qualifier Host Team *(Note: Each region’s Affiliate Partner decides if this advancement opportunity is offered. The Team MUST compete at one other tournament within the region and must meet the criteria set forth by the Affiliate Partner in the agreement. This advancement applies to Qualifying Tournament hosts only, and does NOT apply to host Teams of Meets, League Tournaments, or Championship Tournaments).*
2. Inspire Award Winner
3. Winning Alliance Captain
4. Inspire Award 2nd place
5. Winning Alliance, 1st Team selected
6. Inspire Award 3rd place
7. Winning Alliance, 2nd Team selected
8. Think Award Winner
9. Finalist Alliance Captain
10. Connect Award Winner
11. Finalist Alliance, 1st Team selected
12. Collins Aerospace Innovate Award Winner
13. Finalist Alliance, 2nd Team selected
14. Design Award Winner
15. Motivate Award Winner
16. Control Award sponsored by Arm, Inc. Winner
17. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Winning Division.
18. Think Award 2nd Place
19. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Finalist Division.
20. Connect Award 2nd Place
21. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Winning Division.
22. Collins Aerospace Innovate Award 2nd Place
23. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Finalist Division.
24. Design Award 2nd Place
25. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Winning Division.
26. Motivate Award Winner 2nd Place
27. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Finalist Division.
28. Control Award sponsored by Arm, Inc. Winner 2nd Place
29. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Winning Division.
30. Think Award 3rd Place
31. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Finalist Division.
32. Connect Award 3rd Place
33. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Winning Division.
34. Collins Aerospace Innovate Award 3rd Place
35. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Finalist Division.
36. Design Award 3rd Place
37. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Winning Division.
38. Motivate Award 3rd Place
39. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Finalist Division.
40. Control Award sponsored by Arm, Inc. 3rd Place
41. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Winning Division.
42. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Finalist Division.
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49. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Winning Division.
50. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Finalist Division.
51. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Winning Division.
52. Highest Ranked Team* not previously advanced, from the Finalist Division.

*Refers to Qualification Match ranking. These advancements are in order. There is no normalizing of rank between divisions.