

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
Qualifying Tournament League Tournament Super-Qualifying Tournament	State or Regional Championship Tournament	A <i>Team</i> is eligible to advance to the next competition tier from one of the first three Qualifying, League, or Super-Qualifying Tournaments they attend. A <i>Team</i> 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.
State or Regional Championship Tournament	FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship	<i>Teams</i> advance from a State or Regional Championship Tournament to one of the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championships.

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 presented by ARM 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 presented by ARM 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 presented by ARM 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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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.