



2022-2023 Opening Ceremony Script

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Speaker	Dialogue	Blocking Notes
Affiliate Partner or Event Director	Good morning <i>[Insert name of Locale]!</i> Welcome to the <i>[Insert name of Event]</i> I'm the <i>[insert FIRST® Tech Challenge title here]</i> and my name is _____.	Affiliate Partner or Event Director comes to stage.
Affiliate Partner or Event Director	<p>Welcome to POWERPLAY presented by Raytheon Technologies, part of the <i>FIRST</i> ENERGIZE season presented by <i>Qualcomm</i>.</p> <p><i>FIRST</i> is a global robotics community preparing young people for the future. <i>FIRST</i> engages students in grades pre-K through 12 in our suite of STEM programs, <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League, <i>FIRST</i> Robotics Competition, and of course, <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge.</p> <p><i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge started in 2005 and we've grown to more than 6,000 teams in more than 25 countries. This continues the transformative impact of <i>FIRST</i> programs, and you are a part of this movement! All of you are helping make this program possible for the next generation of innovators IN THIS ROOM. Thank you.</p> <p>We're going to have a blast today! I can't wait to see how everything comes together as these XX teams have been working hard to design and build their robots for this season's challenge, POWERPLAY.</p> <p>As you know from tackling the challenge this year, STEM skills have never been so important to solving the issues facing the world today and <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge is forming the leaders and innovators of tomorrow by getting kids involved in these disciplines early.</p> <p>But remember, <i>FIRST</i> doesn't end with high school! Being a <i>FIRST</i> Alum means access to education and career discovery opportunities, connections to scholarships and employers, and a place in the <i>FIRST</i> community for life.</p> <p>Learn more about all of the ways to make the most of your <i>FIRST</i> experience at firstinspires.org/alumni. Let's quickly hear from some other alumni about their experiences.</p>	<p>Identify as <i>FIRST</i> alum if applicable</p> <p><Play choice of Alumni video: 5 to choose from at :30 each></p>
Affiliate Partner or Event Director	<p>[Alumni Recognition Plan, feel free to insert wherever it best fits into your schedule. Please choose one of the below options.]</p>	

	<p>And now, let's recognize a group of leaders in the <i>FIRST</i> community, and on your Teams: the <i>FIRST</i> Alumni and high school Seniors.</p> <p><u>[ALUMNI RECOGNITION: PLAN A (stand in place)]</u></p> <p>Would all the <i>FIRST</i> Alumni here please stand up: Thank you for all that you continue to do to further the mission of <i>FIRST</i> and inspire the next generation!</p> <p>For some of you, POWERPLAY may be your final season competing in <i>FIRST</i>. We would like to take a moment to recognize those who will soon be <i>FIRST</i> Alumni. Would all students in their final year of high school please stand up and join them! You are becoming <i>FIRST</i> Alumni now too and we look forward to seeing what you do next!</p> <p>To help you on the next steps in your journey, please visit</p> <p>{pit admin or other location where ALUMNI HANDBOOKS and/or ALUMNI PINS are being held}</p> <p>to collect your alumni handbook full of information and tips on leveraging your <i>FIRST</i> experience on your career journey.</p> <p><u>[ALUMNI RECOGNITION: PLAN B (stand in place + announce photo details)]</u></p> <p><i>Following the ceremony in PLAN A announce plans for a Graduation Photo. Photo should be scheduled to take place at a time and place convenient within the event (lunch time may be a popular choice). Photo should be shared on social media and with FIRST Headquarters.</i></p> <p><u>[ALUMNI RECOGNITION: PLAN C (Processional)]</u></p> <p>Would all the <i>FIRST</i> Alumni here please stand, thank you for all that you continue to do to further the mission of <i>FIRST</i> and inspire the next generation!</p> <p>We invite you to come down and join us on the field so that together we can recognize those who will soon be <i>FIRST</i> alumni.</p> <p>{Explain logistics of entering and exiting the field}</p> <p>We would now like to invite our graduating seniors down to the field to be welcomed as <i>FIRST</i> alumni and receive your <i>FIRST</i> Alumni Handbook to help you on the next steps in your journey.</p> <p>Thank you to all our alumni! We invite you to return to your seats now for the rest of the Ceremony.</p>	<p>Lead applause</p> <p>Lead applause</p> <p>lead applause</p> <p><i>FIRST</i> alumni volunteers form a line.</p> <p>FIRST seniors process</p> <p>play graduation music</p>
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Affiliate Partner or Event Director	<p>I want to take a moment to recognize and thank all the parents, coaches, mentors and volunteers who help make today's events possible.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>We ask all of you today to honor the <i>FIRST</i> ethos, <i>Gracious Professionalism</i>[®]. This means doing your best work, and at the same time, we're going to respect and value the other students, teams and volunteers here.</p> <p>Today is where all the hard work you've put into designing, building and programming your robots comes to life in thrilling competition. Good luck.</p> <p>And now, I'd like to introduce today's Emcee – <i>[Insert name]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>Good morning and welcome! Let me hear you make some noise! I said let me hear you make some noise! That's better. This is going to be a great day of competition. Before we get to the first match, we have a few distinguished guests I'd like to introduce.</p> <p>Please give a warm <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge welcome to <i>[insert Guest Speaker title and name]</i>.</p>	<p>Emcee comes forward.</p> <p>Identify as <i>FIRST</i> alum if applicable</p>
Guest Speaker	<p><i>[Guest Speaker comments]</i></p>	<p>Guest Speaker comes forward.</p>
Emcee	<p>Next, it's my pleasure to introduce <i>[insert Guest Speaker title and name]</i>.</p>	<p>Guest Speaker comes forward as previous speaker returns to seat.</p>
Guest Speaker	<p><i>[Guest Speaker comments]</i></p>	
Emcee	<p>Each year, <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge creates new and exciting game for teams to learn and compete in. In this year's season, <i>FIRST</i> ENERGIZE presented by Qualcomm, teams around the world will reimagine the future of sustainable energy and power their ideas forward.</p> <p>In the 2022-2023 game, POWERPLAY presented by Raytheon Technologies, <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge participants will compete in an energy-driven game and test the limits of performance, efficiency, and endurance as they power their innovations forward!</p> <p>Let's take a look at this year's season challenge!</p>	<p>Play POWERPLAY Game Animation</p>

Emcee	Now I'd like to introduce you to a very important group of people, our Judges.	Enter Judges
Emcee	These individuals have the difficult job of singling out the best of the best from today's teams. They've already been busy this morning, interviewing teams and reviewing engineering notebooks. They'll be in the pits, watching matches and then deliberating later today. We look forward to seeing the outcome of their hard work at the Awards Ceremony this afternoon. Let's give them a big round of applause for their dedication!	Applause Exit Judges
Emcee	Next, I'd like to introduce you to the Field Technical Advisors, or FTAs.	Enter FTAs
Emcee	Our FTAs know the ins-and-outs of the robot control system we use to run this competition and are key to keeping the event moving smoothly. They ensure the robots are running properly on the field. Thank you FTAs,!	Applause Exit FTAs
Emcee	And finally, I'd like to introduce our Referees.	Enter Referees
Emcee	Our Refs have the difficult job of ensuring everyone is playing by the rules. As in all sports, their rulings are final and there will be no re-runs or video re-plays. Please help us stick to the schedule by respecting their decisions and following the appropriate challenge process. Thanks Referees!	Applause Exit Referees
Emcee	Last, but certainly not least, we'd like to thank our mentors and coaches who are critical to your learning experience and your team's success. Many of you are also mentoring teams from one of our other <i>FIRST</i> programs: <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League, and <i>FIRST</i> Robotics Competition, and may even be <i>FIRST</i> Alumni yourselves. On behalf of all <i>FIRST</i> , a big thank you to all the mentors and coaches. You really are champions of the game!	Applause
Emcee	A few minutes ago <i>[Insert Affiliate Partner or Tournament Director]</i> spoke about <i>Gracious Professionalism</i> . And who better to help further explain this core value of <i>FIRST</i> , than our very own Dean's List Award Winners!?	Play GP Video
Emcee	<u><i>(Please adjust the following schedule wording to apply to your event)</i></u>	

	<p>A huge thanks to our Dean's List students. Now here's the general schedule for the day: In just a few moments we'll begin our qualification matches. Following the qualifications, we'll move on to the alliance selection, where the top ranked teams will choose their alliance partners for this afternoon's elimination matches.</p> <p>And finally, after we have crowned a champion on the playing field, we'll begin our Awards Ceremony to close out this exciting day.</p>	
Emcee	Before we begin the matches, please rise for the playing/singing of our National Anthem.	National Anthem
Emcee	<p>Teams, are you ready for POWERPLAY?</p> <p>Teams in the first match, please take the field as we get ready to start the day with match number one of the 2022-2023 <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge season here in <i>[insert name of locale]</i>.</p> <p>Good luck to all the days competitors!</p>	Play music to keep energy up while teams set up on the field and team introductions begin
Emcee	<p><i>[if using a Game Announcer, introduce him/her before beginning first introduction]</i></p> <p>Ladies and gentlemen the other voice you'll be hearing today is our Game Announcer, please welcome [Insert Name].</p>	Applause
Emcee	<p>Okay, let's meet the Teams...</p> <p><i>[Emcee and Game Announcer begin Team introduction and start of Match play protocol]</i></p>	