2021-2022 Opening Ceremony Script

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<td>Affiliate Partner or Event Director</td>
<td>Good morning [Insert name of Locale]! Welcome to the [Insert name of Event]! I'm the [insert FIRST® Tech Challenge title here] and my name is ______________.</td>
<td>Affiliate Partner or Event Director comes to stage.</td>
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<td>Welcome to FREIGHT FRENZY presented by Raytheon Technologies, part of the FIRST FORWARD season presented by Qualcomm. <strong>FIRST</strong> is a global robotics community preparing young people for the future. <strong>FIRST</strong> engages students in grades preK through 12 in our suite of STEM programs, <strong>FIRST</strong> LEGO League, <strong>FIRST</strong> Robotics Competition, and of course, <strong>FIRST</strong> Tech Challenge. <strong>FIRST</strong> 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 <strong>FIRST</strong> 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 VERY ROOM. Thank you. 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, FREIGHT FRENZY. 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 <strong>FIRST</strong> Tech Challenge is forming the leaders and innovators of tomorrow by getting kids involved in these disciplines early. But remember, <strong>FIRST</strong> doesn’t end with high school! If college is your next step, <strong>FIRST</strong> partners with 200 colleges and universities who want <strong>FIRST</strong> participants and Alumni— and have made nearly $80 million dollars in scholarships available. Regardless of education level, <strong>FIRST</strong> partners with industry to ensure that internships, and ultimately job opportunities, are available for you and to make sure you have access to the most valuable resource of all – each other! Learn more about scholarships, internships and alumni opportunities at firstinspires.org/alumni. Here’s a quick video to show you more about our scholarship and alumni program!</td>
<td>Identify as <strong>FIRST</strong> alum if applicable</td>
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<Play choice of Alumni video: • 1:30 full video, • :30 education, or • :30 career>
[Alumni Recognition Plan, feel free to insert wherever it best fits into your schedule. Please choose one of the below options.]

And now, let's recognize a group of leaders in the FIRST community, and on your Teams: the FIRST Alumni and high school Seniors.

**[ALUMNI RECOGNITION: PLAN A (stand in place)]**

Would all the FIRST Alumni here please stand up: Thank you for all that you continue to do to further the mission of FIRST and inspire the next generation!

For some of you, FREIGHT FRENZY may be your final season competing in FIRST. We would like to take a moment to recognize those who will soon be FIRST Alumni. Would all students in their final year of high school please stand up and join them! You are becoming FIRST Alumni now too and we look forward to seeing what you do next!

To help you on the next steps in your journey, please visit {pit admin or other location where ALUMNI HANDBOOKS are being held} to collect your alumni handbook full of information and tips on leveraging your FIRST experience on your career journey.

**[ALUMNI RECOGNITION: PLAN B (stand in place + announce photo details)]**

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.

**[ALUMNI RECOGNITION: PLAN C (Processional)]**

Would all the FIRST Alumni here please stand, thank you for all that you continue to do to further the mission of FIRST and inspire the next generation!

We invite you to come down and join us on the field so that together we can recognize those who will soon be FIRST alumni.

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**Lead applause**

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**FIRST alumni volunteers form a line.**
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<td><strong>Affiliate Partner or Event Director</strong></td>
<td>I want to take a moment to recognize and thank all the parents, coaches, mentors and volunteers who help make today’s events possible. Thank you! We ask all of you today to honor the FIRST ethos, Gracious Professionalism®. 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. 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. And now, I’d like to introduce today’s Master of Ceremonies – <em>[Insert name]</em></td>
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<td><strong>Emcee</strong></td>
<td>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. Please give a warm FIRST Tech Challenge welcome to <em>[insert Guest Speaker title and name]</em>.</td>
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<td><strong>Emcee</strong></td>
<td>Next, it’s my pleasure to introduce <em>[insert Guest Speaker title and name]</em>.</td>
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<td>Each year, FIRST creates new and exciting game for teams to learn and compete in. In this year’s season, FIRST FORWARD presented by Qualcomm, teams will explore how transportation drives us forward, impacting economies around the world and making us all more globally interconnected. FIRST teams have the power to reimagine a path forward and invent the future of transportation. Play FREIGHT FRENZY intro</td>
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**FIRST seniors process**

**play graduation music**
In the 2021-2022 FIRST Tech Challenge game, FREIGHT FRENZY presented by Raytheon Technologies, teams and their robots must navigate a complex transportation system by traversing barriers and racing against time to load and deliver essential items to those who need them most. The future of transporting relief to those in need is about inventing creative solutions, pushed by the recognition of the inefficiencies, inequities, and the choices we make around them. Will teams be able to work together and deliver a solution in the race against time? Only time will tell.

Let’s take a look at this year’s season challenge!

Emcee
Now I’d like to introduce you to a very important group of people, our 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!

Emcee
Next, I’d like to introduce you to the Field Technical Advisors, or 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!

Emcee
And finally, I’d like to introduce our 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!

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 FIRST programs: FIRST LEGO League, and FIRST

Applause
Robotics Competition, and may even be FIRST Alumni yourselves. On behalf of all FIRST, a big thank you to all the mentors and coaches. You really are champions of the game!

Emcee

A few minutes ago [Insert Affiliate Partner or Tournament Director] spoke about Gracious Professionalism.

And who better to help further explain this core value of FIRST, than our very own Dean’s List Award Winners?!

Play GP Video

Emcee

(Please adjust the following schedule wording to apply to your event)

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.

And finally, after we have crowned a champion on the playing field, we’ll begin our Awards Ceremony to close out this exciting day.

Emcee

Before we begin the matches, please rise for the playing/singing of our National Anthem.

National Anthem

Emcee

Teams, are you ready for FREIGHT FRENZY?

Teams in the first match, please take the field as we get ready to start the day with match number one of the 2021-2022 FIRST Tech Challenge season here in [insert name of locale].

Good luck to all the days competitors! Full speed ahead!

Emcee

[if using a Game Announcer, introduce him/her before beginning first introduction]

Ladies and gentlemen the other voice you’ll be hearing today is our Game Announcer, please welcome [Insert Name].

Applause

Emcee

Okay, let’s meet the Teams…

[Emcee and Game Announcer begin Team introduction and start of Match play protocol]