



2019-2020 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 the <i>FIRST RISE</i> season powered by <i>Star Wars: Force for Change</i>.</p> <p>As many of you know, <i>FIRST</i> is a global robotics community, transforming lives and inspiring future innovators, and problem solvers. <i>FIRST</i> engages young people, kindergarten through 12th grade in our four STEM programs including <i>FIRST LEGO League Jr.</i>, <i>FIRST LEGO League</i>, <i>FIRST Robotics Competition</i>, and of course, <i>FIRST Tech Challenge</i>.</p> <p><i>FIRST Tech Challenge</i> started in 2005 and in just over a decade, we've grown to over 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.</p> <p>I'm excited to have every one of you here today because we're going to have a blast! You've been working hard to design and build your robot and I can't wait to see how everything comes together in this year's challenge, SKYSTONE presented by QUALCOMM.</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 Tech Challenge</i> 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! If college is your next step, <i>FIRST</i> partners with 200 colleges and universities who want <i>FIRST</i> participants and Alumni– and have made nearly \$80 million dollars in scholarships available. Regardless of education level, <i>FIRST</i> partners with industry to ensure that internship, and ultimately job opportunities, are available for you and to make sure you have access to the most valuable resource of all – each other!</p>	<p>Identify as <i>FIRST</i> alum if applicable</p> <p><Play choice of Alumni video: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:30 full video, • :30 education, or • :30 career></p>



	<p>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!</p>	
<p>Affiliate Partner or Event Director</p>	<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, <i>SKYSTONE</i> 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 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>Lead applause</p> <p>Lead applause</p> <p>lead applause</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><i>FIRST</i> alumni volunteers form a line.</p> <p>FIRST seniors process</p> <p>play graduation music</p>
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>I want all of you to keep in mind <i>Gracious Professionalism</i>[®]. This means you're going to do 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 the rubber meets the road for all the hard work you've put into designing, building and programming your Robots. Good luck.</p> <p>And now, I'd like to introduce today's Master of Ceremonies – <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	<i>[Guest Speaker comments]</i>	Guest Speaker comes forward.
Emcee	Next, it's my pleasure to introduce <i>[insert Guest Speaker title and name]</i> .	Guest Speaker comes forward as previous speaker returns to seat.
Guest Speaker	<i>[Guest Speaker comments]</i>	
Emcee	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>	



	<p>RISE powered by <i>Star Wars: Force for Change</i>, teams around the world are exploring what it means to imagine and build a city of the future.</p> <p>This year, teams are working with droid allies to reach up and into the sky, in SKYSTONE, presented by QUALCOMM.</p> <p>Let's take a look at this year's season challenge!</p>	<p>Play FIRST RISE intro video and Game Animation</p>
Emcee	<p>Now I'd like to introduce you to a very important group of people, our Judges.</p>	<p>Enter Judges</p>
Emcee	<p>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!</p>	<p>Applause Exit Judges</p>
Emcee	<p>Next, I'd like to introduce you to the Field Technical Advisors, or FTAs.</p>	<p>Enter FTAs</p>
Emcee	<p>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,!</p>	<p>Applause Exit FTAs</p>
Emcee	<p>And finally, I'd like to introduce our Referees.</p>	<p>Enter Referees</p>
Emcee	<p>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!</p>	<p>Applause Exit Referees</p>
Emcee	<p>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> Progression of Programs: <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League Jr., <i>FIRST</i> LEGO League, and the <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 making a difference!</p>	<p>Applause</p>

Emcee	<p>A few minutes ago [Insert Affiliate Partner or Tournament Director] spoke about <i>Gracious Professionalism</i>. And who better to help further explain this core value of <i>FIRST</i> than the original Gracious Professional himself, <i>FIRST</i> Distinguished Advisor Dr. Woodie Flowers.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>And who better to help further explain this core value of <i>FIRST</i>, than our very own Dean's List Award Winners!?</p> <p><u>(Please adjust the following schedule wording to apply to your event)</u></p>	Play GP Video
Emcee	<p>Thanks, Woodie/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	<p>Before we begin the matches, please rise for the playing/singing of our National Anthem.</p>	National Anthem
Emcee	<p>Teams, are you ready for SKYSTONE?</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 2019-2020 <i>FIRST</i> Tech Challenge season here in [insert name of locale].</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>	

