

## **Game Announcers**

- There were some bugs in FMS displays and gatool which have been noted and are being fixed
- mention when a Speaker is amplified and increased scoring potential
- Do NOT speculate on fouls during the match
- in score announcement, after confirming with Head Ref what the foul is, you can mention specific fouls if there are many repeat fouls.
- Always announce Red/Yellow cards. You can announce how fouls can swing a match. Note penalty free matches.
- Do NOT focus on “let’s see what the fouls are...”. Lead with the positives.
- There are very powerful midfield collisions, lots of end-to-end action, lots of high notes spotlighting
- The field is taking a beating from robot impacts at speed and some fields have needed repair mid-event
- Trap scoring success should be noted- it’s a challenge and somewhat more difficult for the audience to see
- know tie-breaker criteria in Playoffs
- confirm ranking in gatool with FMS before Alliance Selection
- Alliance Selection had issues in gatool, be prepared to announce teams using the Awards tab or another work around
- work with your scorekeeper to stay aware of backup robots inserted into playoffs

## **Emcees**

- Don’t push the theme so far that it’s not a competition by calling it some other musical event (e.g. “a concert”). It’s a *FIRST* Robotics Competition with a season theme, not a concert with robots playing notes.
- Introducing teams before the light stack goes green is critical to keeping the event on time
- Work closely with your FTA and take direction from them on when to begin team intros
- Don’t extend the event by talking during “already green lit” time. Prioritize helping to keep the event on schedule.
- Make team intros crisp without extending the team’s last number: “Team one, seven, six, fofoooooooooooooooooooooooerrrrrr”. This takes time which adds up, and the repetition of the delivery can be annoying to an audience.
- During Alliance Selection, be sure to use the phrase “Would you like to accept the invitation, or would you prefer to Captain your own Alliance?” where appropriate in the Top eight