**NOTE: The MC runs the Alliance selection on the playing field. The Alliance selection is an important part of the FRC event for both Teams and audience, and should be presented with as much energy, enthusiasm, and professionalism as the rest of the event.**

The Field should be preset with the 8 Captain armbands/caps arranged in two rows of four. Four armbands across the front of the field, and four across the back.

Ladies and Gentleman, welcome to the Alliance Selection! We’ve had a great competition so far with plenty of exciting Qualification Matches, and we’ll soon move on to the Playoff Tournament, where eight Alliances will compete against each other to become the Champion here in _________________. Teams have been scouting in preparation for this, and I’m sure all the student Team representatives gathered here are prepared with their list of picks!

Before we can start the Playoff Tournament, we need to create the eight three-team Alliances. Now let’s watch this short video which explains the Alliance Selection process.

*(roll Alliance Selection video)*

The representative from the highest ranked Team on an Alliance will be that Alliance’s Captain. After an Alliance Captain extends an invitation to join their Alliance, we will need one representative from the invited Team to come on to the field and either accept or decline the invitation.

There is only one rule during Alliance Selection:
If a Team declines an invitation to be selected by an Alliance, they may not be selected by any other Alliance. The declining Team does not, however, lose their right to select if they are an Alliance Captain. For example if the #1 ranked Team picks Number #2 and they decline, Number 2 keeps their right to be an Alliance Captain and Number 1 will need to extend the invitation to another Team.

But if Number 1 selects Number 2 and they accept, we will slide all the other Alliance Captains up one position and move the ninth highest ranked team in to the selection process.

This is where we see the strategies play out as Teams look to partner with other Teams whose robot complements their own. Each Alliance Captain is looking to make the strongest possible Alliance to play out the rest of the Tournament. The eight Alliances will compete in the Playoff Tournament, which is a best two out of three competition.

Today’s winning Alliance receives qualifies for the World Championships this April, along with the Chairman’s Award, Engineering Inspiration Award, and Rookie All-Star winning Teams who will be announced at this afternoon’s Awards Ceremony. So, there’s a lot on the line! Now let’s meet the Teams.

All teams have been ranked based on their performance in the Qualification Matches, and it’s now my pleasure to introduce the top eight ranked Teams.

Please welcome, our Number Eight seed, Congratulations to Team # ______________
(Game Announcer announces Team nickname and hometown as each Team Rep runs onto the field. The MC places the Team Rep on the Field by the appropriate Alliance Capt. cap/arm band- which have been preset. The Number 1 Seed should be positioned near the Red Alliance Driver Station #3. Do NOT have them put them on armbands, because they may be sliding up the ladder if any Alliance Capt. picks someone from the top eight.)

And now please welcome our Number Seven seed, Congratulations to Team # ______
(place Team member on Field facing audience)

And our Number Six seed, Congratulations to Team # __________________
(place Team member on Field facing audience)

And our Number Five seed, Congratulations to Team # __________________
(place Team member on Field facing audience)

The Number Four seed, Team # ________________________________
(place Team member on Field facing audience)

The Number Three seed, Team # ____________________
(place Team member on Field facing audience)
The Number Two seed, Team # ___________________
(place Team member on Field facing audience)

And finally, our Number One seed, Congratulations to Team # ___________________
(place Team member on Field facing audience. Have Alliance 1 Capt. put on bib/cap/arm band)

OK, and now our Number One Seed will make the first pick. Which Team would you like to invite to join your Alliance?

- **MC should repeat the Team number. The Game Announcer should announce Team nickname and hometown as each selected Team Rep runs onto the field.**

- **As a Team representative comes up to accept or decline, make sure they speak into the microphone so the audience can hear.**

- **After a student accepts, say “Congratulations” and move down to the next Alliance Captain, have them put on the Alliance Capt. bib/cap/arm band, and repeat the question “Which Team would you like to select to join your Alliance?”**

- **If a Top 8 Team selects another Top 8 Team, use this phrasing to the invited Team: “Would you prefer to join or form your own Alliance?”**

- **If #1 chooses Seeds 2,3,4,5,6,7, or 8 and they accept the invite, then slide the other Alliance Captains up and invite the 9th ranked Team’s student representative to join you on the field, putting them into the Alliance Eight spot. Do this for any subsequent selections as well. You should **always** have eight Alliance Captain spots filled on the field before you move on to ask for the next selection.**

**BEFORE THE FINAL PICK:**

There is one spot left in the Tournament. After our Number 1 Seed makes their final selection, there is still a chance that the next eight highest ranking unselected Teams might compete. If a robot becomes non-functional during the Tournament each Alliance has one opportunity to substitute in a robot from the backup pool. Alliances do not get to select which backup Team comes in to their Alliance, the backup Teams will come in by ranking order, starting with the highest ranked remaining Team.

We’ll need the Reps from the backup teams to confirm your participation in the Playoffs with the Referee standing by (indicate the Ref) in just a moment. *The Referee should be standing off the field with the line of Team Reps. The Team Reps need to check in with him/her*
But now it’s time to find out who Alliance Number 1 would like as a member of their Alliance. Alliance 1, who would you like to select?

**After eight complete Alliances have been created:**

Well done. This looks to be an exciting Tournament. Let’s have a round of applause for all the Teams competing here. All the Teams gave it their all here this weekend. If you weren’t selected for the Playoffs, pick an Alliance to cheer on!

Now we need all Alliance Captains to please stay here on the field to meet with the Head Referee to review Playoff rules.

All backup Teams, that’s Team _______ thru ____________(*read the Team numbers from the list on the Audience Display screen*), please confirm your willingness to play in the Playoffs if called upon with the Referee in the Team Rep area.

We’re going to let the Alliances strategize and prepare for the Playoff Tournament, which will be starting at _______pm. The Closing Awards Ceremony will be held immediately following the Playoff Tournament.

We’ll see you back here to get things started in just a bit – and don’t forget to bring your Gracious Professionalism - Thanks everyone!