

Judging Session Flow for Teams

The judges are excited to see your hard work. This is your opportunity to share what you want them to know about your team, your processes and experiences this season, as well as anything else you feel is important to highlight. Even though judging is remote, teams should still come prepared and on-time as they would in a traditional event. Each team will be allotted a 30 minute window for their judging interview and a 15 minute judging callback session. All teams should read Game Manual 1- Remote Events to review all judging requirements.



The Ohio State University
Scarlet & Gray
FTC Qualifier

Main Judging Interview (30 minutes)

The main judging interviews will take place on Saturday, January 23, 2021 between 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET.

Team Enters Virtual Room

All team members, and at least one adult Coach/Mentor, log in to their assigned virtual room at least **10 minutes prior to scheduled judging time.**

Team Sent to Breakout Room

All team members, and at least one adult Coach/Mentor, will be placed into a break-out room by a volunteer where they will have their judging session.

Team Presentation (5 minutes)

As soon as the first team member begins to talk, the timer will start on the 5 minute team presentation.

Judge Q&A (10 minutes)

Once the 5 minute team presentation is over, the judges will begin the timer for their 10 minute Q&A with the team.

Robot Run (5 minutes)

Judges will ask to see a video of the team's robot running a full match. Teams may choose to do a live robot run if they are able.

Extra Time for Tech Issues (10 minutes)

We understand there may be some technical difficulties for volunteers, teams, and/or individual team members. Extra time will be built into each judging session to allow for this possibility.

Team Leaves Judging Session

After the judging interview is over, teams in the breakout room will leave the meeting.

Judging Callback Sessions (15 minutes)

The judging callback sessions will take place on the same day (Saturday, January 23, 2021) between 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM ET. Each team coach will receive an email by 2:00 PM ET containing Zoom information regarding their 15 minute callback judging session.

Important Items to Know Before Your Judging Session:

- Teams will choose a judging time on [this linked spreadsheet](#) by Saturday, January 16, 2021. All judging will occur on Saturday, January 23, 2021.
- All judging documents will be uploaded to a shared Google Drive folder by Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Tournament hosts will provide a link to the designated location.
- Bring your robot to your remote judging interview.
- Teams should plan to enter the virtual room at least 10 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled judging time. A link to this virtual room will be provided by the tournament host.
- Once you enter the virtual room, please change your display name to include your team number (ex: 12345 Dean). This will help volunteers to more easily sort all team members and Coaches/Mentors into their breakout rooms for judging.
- Be prepared to do a live robot run if possible. Alternatively, prepare a video to show judges a robot run.
- Teams will participate in **Robot Readiness Reviews** on Saturday, January 23, 2021. Teams will choose a time on [this linked spreadsheet](#) by Saturday, January 16, 2021 and should not overlap with the judging time. These sessions are meant to provide teams with an opportunity to meet with volunteers and ask any last minute questions about scoring, programming, etc.
- Coaches/Mentors will be allowed in the judging interviews. However, they must be silent observers with videos turned off and not intervene in the judging interview in any way.
- **Please make sure your team attends the judging callback session!** If neither coach receives an email regarding Zoom information by 2:00 PM ET on Saturday, January 23, 2021, contact Nishant Chittari (the Tournament Director) at 614-270-9460.



Helpful Links:

[Remote Judging Tips and Tricks | FIRST Tech Challenge](#)

[Team Judging Self Reflection](#)

[Judging Feedback Request Form](#)

[Control Award Submission Form](#)