

Team Update 09

GENERAL

Judged Awards at Small Events

At typical *FIRST* Robotics Competition official events, 15 judged team awards are presented. We think this is an appropriate number; it allows a decent percentage of teams to be celebrated for their accomplishments and keeps awards special and valued.

This season, we have a few multi-day events that are smaller than we see during a normal season. We think giving out the full set of the 15 judged team awards at these events devalues the awards and makes it harder to match individual awards with deserving teams.

For this reason, any multi-day event with 24 or fewer teams will present the following:

- Chairman's Award,
- Engineering Inspiration Award, and
- 6 additional awards, selected by the event judges to best fit participating teams.

Individual awards, i.e. Dean's List and Woodie Flowers Finalist Awards, are unaffected. This approach does not apply to single day events; [check this document for how single-day-event awards will be handled](#). The [Awards page](#) has been updated with this information.

FIRST Championship District Allocation Adjustments

Since establishing the *FIRST* Championship allocations for districts before Kickoff, team counts for some districts have changed, some substantially. If *FIRST* Championship slot allocations remained as is, some Districts would be unfairly under- or over-represented. For this reason, we have reallocated slots based on recent team counts.

As a result, three district allocations increased and one decreased, and these changes are reflected below and on the [FIRST Championship Eligibility Criteria webpage](#). If we strictly followed the numbers, other districts would have lost a slot. However, we are not changing the allocations in those cases, as those changes would have been drops for districts that already have a relatively small allocation and it's too small a change to worry about.

The allocation changes flow through to awards. The new allocations determine maximum and minimum award counts per the standard formula and resulting changes are also reflected.

District	Allocated <i>FIRST</i> Championship Slots	Chairman's Award Winners	Dean's List Finalists
<i>FIRST</i> in Michigan	61 64	3 4	10 11
Ontario	16 11	2 1	3 2
<i>FIRST</i> in Texas	21 23	2 3	4
Peachtree	9 10	1	2

Remote Judging Plans

The [list of events that have opted for remote interviews](#) has been updated to include the [Southern Cross Regional](#).

SECTION 6.6. DRIVE TEAM

Section 6.6 is updated as follows to enable a response to [Q88](#).

A DRIVE TEAM is a set of up to 5 people from the same *FIRST* Robotics Competition team responsible for team performance for a specific MATCH. There are 4 specific roles on a DRIVE TEAM which ALLIANCES can use to assist ROBOTS with RAPID REACT. Only 1 of the 5 DRIVE TEAM members is permitted to be an adult mentor **a non-STUDENT**.

Table 6-4 DRIVE TEAM roles

Role	Description	Max./ DRIVE TEAM	Criteria
COACH	a guide or advisor	1	STUDENT or adult mentor any team member , must wear "COACH" button
DRIVER	an operator and controller of the ROBOT	3	STUDENT, must wear a "DRIVE TEAM" button
HUMAN PLAYER	a CARGO manager		
TECHNICIAN	a resource for ROBOT troubleshooting, setup, and removal from the FIELD	1	STUDENT or adult mentor any team member , must wear "TECHNICIAN" button