

Team Update 12

General

Awards Webpages

Effective at *FIRST* events beginning February 18, the Dean's List Award will be known as the *FIRST*® Leadership Award for the 2025–2026 season.

The award's purpose, criteria, and significance remain unchanged. It continues to recognize exceptional student leaders who demonstrate technical expertise, advance the mission of *FIRST*, and exemplify our core values. Historical records of recipients from previous seasons will not be updated at this time.

The [Awards](#) & [Submitted Awards](#) webpages have been updated to make changes to this award name and all files linked on these pages have also been updated to align.

Game Manual

6.5 Scoring

6.5.2 ROBOT Scoring Criteria

To qualify for TOWER points for a given LEVEL, a ROBOT must meet the following conditions:

- For LEVEL 1 – a ROBOT must no longer be touching the ~~CARPET~~ carpet or the TOWER BASE, or
- For LEVEL 2 – a ROBOT must be positioned such that its BUMPER covers are completely above the LOW RUNG, or
- For LEVEL 3 – a ROBOT must be positioned such that its BUMPER covers are completely above the MID RUNG.

7.2 Conduct

G210 *Don't expect to gain by doing others harm.

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This rule requires an intentional act with limited or no opportunity for the team being acted on to avoid the penalty such as:

C. ...

D. a blue ALLIANCE ROBOT, pushing a red ALLIANCE ROBOT far from (i.e. more than 48.0in (1.22m)) the TOWER into another red blue ALLIANCE ROBOT which is in contact with the blue TOWER and the REFEREE ~~perceiving~~ perceives that the blue ROBOT is deliberately making the red ROBOT violate [G420](#).

10.6 Playoff MATCHES

10.6.2 Playoff MATCH Bracket

Table 10-2 Typical Playoff MATCH schedule

Round	MATCH	Upper/ Lower	Gap (min)				Next MATCH (MATCH # (ALLIANCE color))	
			Blue	Red	Blue	Red	Winner	Loser
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Finals	15		W13	W11	0:18	0:18	M16*	M16*
15-minute awards break: Rookie All Star, Dean's List, FIRST Leadership Award , Engineering Inspiration**								
Finals	16*		W13	W11	0:18	0:18		
Awards: Remaining awards, Finalists, Winners, and FIRST Impact Award								

* if required

** Program Delivery Partners may choose to hold these awards until after all MATCHES are complete.

11.1 District Events

11.1.4 Team Judged Awards

Teams only receive points for team awards judged at the event. If an award is not judged, is not for a team (e.g. the Dean's List **FIRST Leadership Award**) or is not judged at the event (e.g. Safety Animation Award, sponsored by UL), no points are earned.

11.5 FIRST Championship Eligibility

Each District determines the number of Dean's List **FIRST Leadership Award** Finalists, FIRST Impact Awards, Rookie All Star Awards, and Engineering Inspiration Awards to present at their District Championship, within a range established by FIRST. The team counts are based on the team representation of the respective District at the Championship. For the awards, ranges are developed by using ratios agreed upon by FIRST and District Leadership. These ranges allow each District to represent their own community as they see fit.

- For the FIRST Impact Award, the ratios range from one FIRST Impact Award team for every 18 Championship District teams to one FIRST Impact Award team for every nine Championship District teams.
- For the Dean's List **FIRST Leadership Award** Finalist Award, the ratios range from one Dean's List **FIRST Leadership Award** Finalist for every nine Championship District teams to one Dean's List **FIRST Leadership Award** Finalist for every six Championship District teams.
- All Districts, regardless of FIRST Championship Slot allocation, may award one or two Engineering Inspiration and Rookie All-Star Awards.

Table 11-8 District FIRST Championship and awards allocations

District	Allocated FIRST Championship Slots	FIRST Impact Award Winners	Dean's List FIRST Leadership Award Finalists	Engineering Inspiration Award Winners	Rookie All- Star Award Winners	Woodie Flowers Award Finalists
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Term	Definition
BONUS RP	ENERGIZED RP, SUPERCHARGED RP, and TRAVERSAL RP.