

Judging Procedures

Your team will go to all three judging areas in a one (1) hour and thirty (30) minute block. A team escort will be assigned to your team. You will spend fifteen (15) minutes with each set of judges, and you will have fifteen (15) minutes before you begin your next judging session, which should give you plenty of time to change clothes, use the restroom, regroup, etc. before you go into your next judging session. Your team escort will be your guide. Please listen to his or her direction.

Please make sure you arrive to your judging area at least 15 minutes before your first judging time. Example: If you are scheduled to begin your judging sessions at 9:00 AM, you should report to the judging check-in station (2nd Floor check-in at the Ervin J. Nutter Center OR the Apollo Room at the WSU Student Union) no later than 8:45 AM. This gives you time to discuss your team's special requests or needs with your team escort and allows for you to do any kind of project set-up before your judging session begins.

Judging sessions are closed to spectators. Up to two coaches/mentors may accompany the team into the judging room, and they are free to videotape the judging session. Please remember that the judges want to know how much the children know, so please be polite observers of the judging process.

Project Judging:

This is your first stop. The project judging rooms will be equipped with a projector and a screen. If you have a laptop that you would like to connect to the projector to use for your presentation, let your team escort know. Up to two team members and one coach may enter the project presentation judging room five (5) minutes before your team's judging session begins in order to hook up your equipment. Please be courteous of the judges – do



not speak to them and keep your voices low, as they are working to finish their paperwork. Please leave the room as soon as your set-up is complete.

For Project Judging you will need:

- ✚ Presentation materials
- ✚ Props (optional)
- ✚ Computer (optional)
- ✚ Costumes (optional)

🚦 Judge handouts (optional)

The room will also have one table and several chairs (approximately 4) that your team may utilize for your presentation. Room set-up must be done at the start of your presentation time.

Your presentation must be five (5) minutes in length. Although our judges have been instructed not to cut your team off in mid-sentence, they will let you know when you have exceeded your time limit. Your team may receive a time penalty for presentations that are a minute under or a minute over your target time of five (5) minutes. The judges will use the remainder of the fifteen (15) minute judging session to ask your team questions about your research.

Robot Design Judging:

From the project judging room, you will move to Robot Design Judging. You will have fifteen (15) minutes before this next session begins, so you should have plenty of time to get out of your project costumes, if you need to do so. Restrooms (in the Student Union) or locker rooms (in the Ervin J. Nutter Center) are easily accessible to the project judging rooms.



For the Robot Design Judging, you will need:

- 🚦 Your robot
- 🚦 Your attachments/manipulators
- 🚦 Illustrations of your programming (flowcharts; printouts; computer displays; etc.)
- 🚦 Judge handouts (optional)

A competition table with a Climate Connections mat and field set will be available for you to use as you discuss your design, programming and robot game strategies. Your team will not be required to run your robot, although a judge may ask you to demonstrate a mission or two.

Teamwork Judging:

From Robot Design Judging, you will go to Teamwork Judging after a fifteen (15) minute break.



The first half of your fifteen (15) minute judging time will be spent completing a teamwork activity. The judges want to see how well you communicate, problem-solve and manage your time as you work to complete the activity in the seven (7) minutes allowed for the activity.

The judges will spend the remainder of the fifteen (15) minute judging session asking your team questions about your teamwork over the course of the season. They want to understand your leadership style; how you divided your tasks; how you solved conflicts; how you solved problems; etc.

If you have any questions regarding judging procedures, contact the Judge Advisor, Skip Gridley at sgridley@usfirst.org.