

Judge Certification Questions

1. Which is a recommended technique to reduce the stress of the judging process for teams?
 - a. Using technical vocabulary in questions for teams
 - b. Sitting behind a table for the duration of the judging sessions
 - c. Rephrasing questions when a team provides an answer that does not seem to match the question you asked
 - d. Asking coaches for additional information when the team does not fully answer a question

2. What is ***not*** required as you prepare to become a *FIRST* LEGO League judge?
 - a. Participating in training before the tournament
 - b. Reading the Challenge document and Judge Prep Pack for your area
 - c. Thinking about how you would build and program a robot to complete the Robot Game missions
 - d. Becoming familiar with the rubrics for your area

3. What is the best technique to help your judging sessions stay on time?
 - a. Wait until the end of the day to write comments on the rubric
 - b. Start on time, provide a few minutes warning, and quickly complete the rubrics between sessions.
 - c. If a team's session runs late, inform the next team they will have less time to make up the delay.
 - d. Take teams as they arrive at your judging room, even if they are not scheduled at that time.

4. Which of the following teams is considered eligible for Consolidated / Full Awards?
 - a. A team who had more than 10 members participate in judging sessions
 - b. A team who previously in the season competed in a qualifying tournament of the same tier of events
 - c. A team who participated in all three parts of *FIRST* LEGO League (Robot, Project, and Core Values)
 - d. A team with clear evidence that adults did part of the work for the team

5. How should a team's age be accounted for in *FIRST* LEGO League Judging?
 - a. Younger teams who perform well in your judging area should be ranked higher than a similarly performing team who is older.

- b. Older teams who perform well in your judging area should be ranked higher than a similarly performing team who is younger.
 - c. After teams have been ranked based on their performance, age may be one factor used to decide between two otherwise equal teams.
 - d. Older teams who do not perform well should be ranked lower than a similarly performing team who is younger.
6. Which technique best addresses a team where one child dominates the conversation?
- a. Tell the talkative youth to stop talking and wait until another child speaks.
 - b. Kindly interrupt the talkative youth and ask a question directed to another team member or ask if anyone else has something to add.
 - c. Allow the child to continue talking since there is a lot of information to share.
 - d. Direct your attention away from the talkative team member and only judge information shared by the rest of the team.
7. Which judging style best supports a quiet, withdrawn, or nervous team?
- a. Avoid making any changes in your judging style to give all teams a consistent judging experience
 - b. Directing questions to the entire team and wait until a team member answers.
 - c. Comment on a notable part of the team's robot, presentation, or teamwork and ask for more information about it.
 - d. Sit behind a table while asking questions to give a professional appearance.
8. What is the best practice for each pair of Judges to create an initial overall ranking of teams?
- a. Rank teams as you see them by keeping a list or making a pile of rubrics in rank order.
 - b. Create a numerical score and strictly rank the teams in order of their scores.
 - c. Wait until you have seen all the teams, and then rank order the teams.
 - d. Select the teams you wish to nominate for an award in your area first, and then list all other teams in any order below your award candidates.
9. Which team would be the best choice to receive a Champions Award?
- a. A team who is 4th in Robot Game, 2nd in Robot Design, 1st in Project, and 3rd in Core Values
 - b. A team who is 1st in Robot Game, 1st in Robot Design, 10th in Project, and 5th in Core Values

- c. A team who is 6th in Robot Game, 6th in Robot Design, 6th in Project, and 6th in Core Values
 - d. A team who is 2nd in Robot Game, 4th in Robot Design, 3rd in Project, 4th in Core Values
10. At most tournaments, what should you do if your area judges finish initial deliberations before other areas?
- a. Visit the rest of the tournament and watch the final robot game rounds
 - b. Judges are allowed to leave once initial deliberations are finished
 - c. Remain in the judging room and follow instructions from the Head Judge or Judge Advisor
 - d. Offer to help with cleaning up the judging rooms
11. Which is a role of the Head Judge within each area?
- a. Directing judges to select their own style for discussion when creating an overall ranking of teams
 - b. Choosing candidates for each award within the area
 - c. Facilitating discussion among the Judges when deciding among two candidates for an award
 - d. Allowing the most outspoken judges to lead discussions.
12. Why are Judges asked to stay and participate in the high-five line at the closing ceremony?
- a. It is a chance to celebrate with the youth and congratulate the teams for their accomplishments
 - b. Judges are needed to hand out awards to teams and clean up after the event.
 - c. It is in the Judge's job description to attend.
 - d. It is required for the Judges to demonstrate Core Values by attending the closing ceremony.
13. Why is it important to know the rules and rubrics for your area of judging?
- a. Judges who know the rules and rubrics give weight to the teams from their hometowns.
 - b. Judges who are prepared and engaged in the judging process judge teams fairly and consistently and enjoy the judging process more than unprepared judges.
 - c. Judges who are familiar with the judging process are less interested in judging during the tournament day.
 - d. Knowing the rules and rubrics increases the amount of confusion a judge is likely to experience during the tournament day.

14. True or False?: Information gained when a judge visits a team's practice early in the season is appropriate to be included in the awards discussion process.

- a. True
- b. False

15. True or false?: If a team has an outstanding project and an impressive robot design, they can receive both a Project Award and a Robot Design Award.

- a. True
- b. False

16. True or false?: Project and Core Values Judges should take into account Robot Game Scores when creating an overall ranking in each area.

- a. True
- b. False