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CORE VALUES JUDGING

BAYOU BUILDERS AND SESHAN BROTHERS

MEET THE AUTHORS

- Bayou Builders are a 10-person, community-based team in Hammond, Louisiana.
- They have won a Champions' or Champion's Runner-up award every year in their state and attended the North American Open, Razorback Open and World Festival.
- In 2017, they were also nominated for the Global Innovation Award from Louisiana.
- Bayou Builders are very involved in their community, giving hundreds of hours to outreach activities each year



WHAT IS A TYPICAL JUDGING SESSION LIKE?

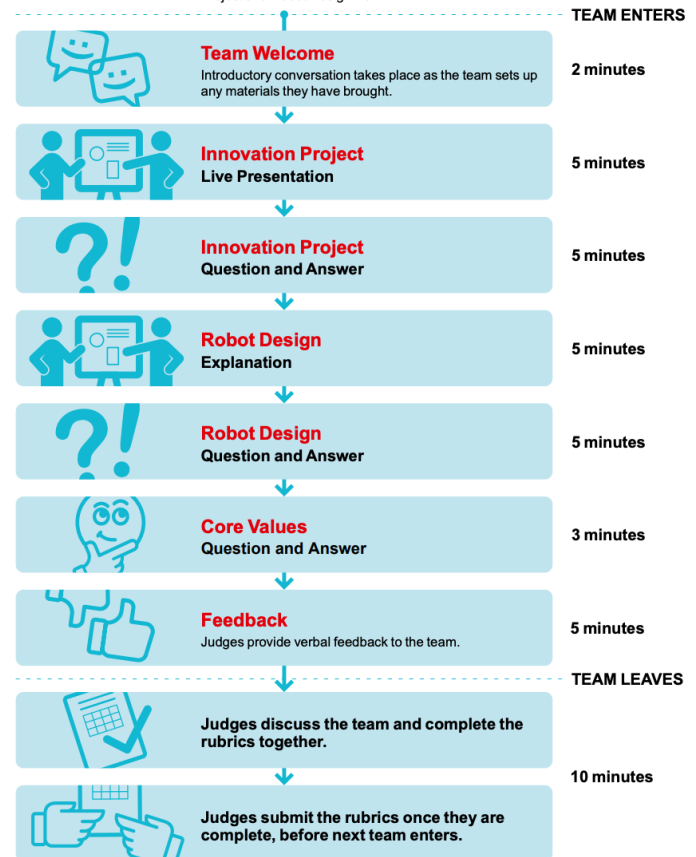
- The consolidated 30-minute judging session has a specified Core Values Reflection time (3mins)
- During this time, judges will ask questions to help them fill out parts of the Core Values rubric
- Most regions will not allow you to give a formal presentation during this time.
- **Core Values judges will be listening during the entire session so make sure you talk about Core Values during the Team Welcome, Innovation Project and Robot Design.**



Judging Session Flowchart

Teams should demonstrate Core Values in everything they do. The judges are excited to see how they show **teamwork, discovery, inclusion, innovation, impact, and fun** as they present their Innovation Project and Robot Design work.

This is the team's time to shine, so try to settle their nerves and encourage them. Please make sure they don't leave anything in the judging room, including any documentation, when they leave.



CORE VALUES JUDGING OBJECTIVES

- Share your goals and why being a part of FIRST is important to you.
- Share your team's identity.
- Share specific (and multiple) examples of how your team used the Core Values all season.



PREPARING YOUR CORE VALUES JUDGING

- Make sure to reference the Core Values Judging Rubric
- Be sure to cite specific examples of how your team used or applied each of the Core Values during the season
- Make sure that multiple students can give examples
- Make sure that your examples go beyond just sharing your project (Impact) or learning a programming language (Discovery)

BEGINNING Minimally observed across the team.	DEVELOPING Inconsistently observed across the team.	ACCOMPLISHED Consistently observed across the team.	EXCEEDS	
1	2	3	4	How has the team exceeded?
DISCOVERY – Team explored new skills and ideas.				
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INNOVATION – Team used creativity and persistence to solve problems.				
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IMPACT – Team applied what they learned to improve their world.				
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INCLUSION – Team demonstrated respect and embraced their differences.				
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TEAMWORK – Team clearly showed they had worked as a team throughout their journey.				
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FUN – Teams clearly had fun and celebrated what they have achieved – as individuals and a group.				
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DOCUMENTING CORE VALUES

- Some teams create a Core Values Poster to help you remember your season or as a visual for your judges.
- Some teams create Core Values Journal where you document your team's activities



TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

- In the past, teams had to do a teamwork activity live during judging.
- This is no longer used.
- However, such activities can help your team learn to work together better and are a good way for your team to practice Core Values during the season.



FAQS

- Will we get to give a presentation during the Core Values Reflection component?
 - No. Judges are supposed to ask your team questions during this period. Ask ahead of time if presentations are allowed.
- Then how can I tell the judge about about our team's Core Values?
 - You should include examples through the entire 30mins – e.g. how you picked a project topic together, how you resolved a problem during robot building, how you helped another team, program, etc.
- Do we need to have a tri-fold or poster?
 - No. Some teams will bring one (if allowed). They are not required and simply extra props a team chooses to have.
- What type of documentation is useful?
 - Posters with photographs and a Core Values journal documenting all your activities are common among teams.

SAMPLE JUDGE QUESTIONS

- Questions will focus on the rubric categories that the judge has not been able to complete during the rest of your judging session.
 - Remember to include everyone and give multiple examples.
 - Remember to go beyond just the robot game and innovation project where possible.
- Describe a challenge your team faced this season and how you overcame it.
- What was something your team did for fun?
- Did you have any disagreements this season? How did you resolve it?
- What is one thing you learned this season?
- Did you have the opportunity to collaborate with or help another team?

CREDITS

- This lesson was written by the Bayou Builders (<https://www.bayoubuilders.org/>) and the Seshan Brothers
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