

What to expect during FLL Judging at Qualifying Tournaments

BE ON TIME! In order to keep on schedule the judges have been instructed to strictly adhere to their schedule.

Gather your team 15 minutes before your first Judging session and head to the C wing. Exit the East end of the gym (the pit side or opposite the bleachers), make a right and head straight to the stairs. Wait at the bottom of the stairs.

Please remain quiet while you're waiting in the hall. A judge will instruct you when to enter the judging room.

Each team will have 3 consecutive 15 minute Judging Sessions (Core Value, Project, Robot Design – not necessarily in this order). In each of the session the students will be in the room for the first 10 minutes and will be asked to leave immediately so the judges can record their notes in the remaining 5 minutes.

One adult may enter the judging room for the sole purpose of video recording the students. The adult may not assist the student in any way including setup. If the judges feel that the adult has assisted their team in any way this adult may be asked to leave and/or their team may be disqualified for that judging session.

Core Value Judging: The teams will be given an ad hoc task to work on for approx 5 minutes. The judges will observe how the team works to try and solve the task. Then the judges ask them some questions. Core Value Posters are optional and the team will not be given time to present them during the Core Value Judging session. They can refer to them to answer certain questions.

Project Judging: The team will be given approximately 1 minute to set up for their presentation materials. We suggest that the team practice their equipment setup too. Then they will be given no more than 5 minutes to complete their presentation. The judges will ask questions for 4-5 minutes and the students will be asked to exit as quickly as possible.

If a team requires a projector, they must bring their own. There will be an extension cord that extends out into the hallway. Please power up your projector and laptop in the hallway before entering the room. Walk the powered up equipment into the room during the 1 minute setup time.

Robot Judging: The robot judging is a free format session where teams are required to be able to explain to the judges the way the robot was built and programmed. The team will be asked to show 1 to 2 missions that represent some of their unique robot design features. They will not have time to run all of their missions. The “Executive Summary” is not required, but it can be referred to answer questions.

Suggestion: Bring 3 extra Team info sheets and hand one to one of the judges as you enter the judging room.

Field and Pit Judging: During the day Judges may be seen roaming around the event. If they visit your pit area, they will want to speak to the Team Members not Coaches, Mentors or Parents. Please forewarn your Team Members that this may happen and have them be ready to answer questions.

Suggestion: Let Mentors or Parents stay behind at your Pit when the team is away to advise anyone who needs to contact the team and advise them the team will return. You might post a sign in your pit saying something like “In Judging, we will return at 11:15 am”