



How To Prepare For Competition

- BE CONFIDENT! **Memorize** your script before moving on to other areas of presentation!
- **TEAMWORK!** Help Someone memorize their scripts!
- Body language tells it all!
 - Make eye contact with ALL the judges!
 - Project your voice loud and clear!
 - Don't fidget during the presentation! It can get VERY distracting!
- Ask a parent to help you memorize your lines. It can be very FUN!
- Come up with **judge's questions!** (Judges questions are potential questions that the judges may ask you in the competition in order to better comprehend your presentation.)
- Practice answering the judges questions.
- **JUDGES!** (Coaches and mentors) → Quiz your team! After running through scripts, ask questions and answer them! Use the season rubrics (downloaded from <https://www.firstinspires.org/>) as a baseline for questions and answers.
- Bring a few guest judges in! They can help you prepare by asking questions pertaining to your project and robot, and giving suggestions you may not have thought about.
- Be formal while talking to any judge. It shows that you take them seriously and respect.
- Come up with a **TOP 5**. Top 5 shows the judges the five most important accomplishments of your team. You can do this for your project, robot and core values! Start by deciding what you believe your team is most unique at in each topic. (What are you proud of?)
- Incorporate unique features of your team whenever you get a chance. (Make sure it fits in with the topic, and doesn't interfere with the question being asked.)
- Robot runs **HAVE** to fit within 2:30 mins!!!
- Time trials help you:
 - Fix errors or glitches in code
 - Add/remove attachments/skins
 - Stay on time!
- Time trials help you react when time calls!
- **WARNING!** The Below Information Is Only to be used AFTER the previous Steps are completed!!!
- **PRESENT EACH TIME LIKE IT IS THE REAL COMPETITION PRESENTATION!** You have to be professional and not joke around! It is okay to have fun, but in a real competition, professionalism matters!
- Prepare a checklist to go over for each judging (mock/real), and you won't forget anything!

Here are some of the judges questions we use for our project practice.

How much does your program/product cost?

How do you know your program/product is successful? (Did you do any testing?)

Who were the most important experts? Why?

How have your interviews improved the product?

What will you do next?

Have you tested your program/product? If not, do you plan to?

Describe your problem and solution in one sentence

How did you decide on your problem and solution?

What expert has been most helpful? How?

What is the biggest Challenge you've encountered this season on project? (Should answer with only one challenge.)

What is your design process for your project?