

Revisions and updates to Judging for the Senior Solutions Season

Following a great deal of consideration and taking into account all of the thoughtful feedback that was provided by teams, coaches, Judges, Judge Advisors and Partners we have determined that though the updated judging materials and deliberation process, worked well for most during Food Factor, a few modifications were appropriate for the Senior Solutions season.

Thank you all for sharing your time and offering your input so that we can provide such a remarkable FLL experience for so many children.

The following is a high-level overview of the revisions and updates; please feel free to contact Skip Gridley, FLL Global Judge Advisor or myself should you have any questions. We will also be holding three Senior Solutions Judge Advisor webinars (8/23, 9/12 and 9/20 with registration links coming soon) these trainings will delve deeper into the revisions and provide an opportunity for questions to be asked and answered.

1. Rubrics

- a. A few minor text changes were made to provide more positive verbiage, decrease ambiguity and allow for more accurate translation.
- b. The colors associated with Core Values and Robot Design have been transposed so that they now align with the new FLL icon.
- c. The comment sections, as well as, the team numbers and room assignments on each of the Rubrics are now available in an electronically fillable format.

2. Qualifying Tournament Award Structure

- a. QT Award structure will no longer be identified as events with 20 teams or less and events with 20 teams or more.
- b. **Regions may choose to use either the “Expanded Award Structure” or the “Consolidated Award Structure” regardless of the QT size. To avoid confusion, we recommend that the same Award Structure be used for all Qualifying events in your region.**
- c. **“Expanded Award Structure”** is the structure used for all Championship events and formally used for all QTs with more than 20 teams. The Core Awards are given in subcategories for each judged area.
- d. **“Consolidated Award Structure”** is the former “Small Qualifier Structure” where Core Awards are not given in subcategories, but can now be given in further, but still equal, depth. For example, Core Values can now be awarded in 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- e. Championship event structure has not changed; Regions will continue to use the “Expanded Award Structure” for all Championship events.

3. Advancement Policy

- a. The Advancement Policy for the Senior Solutions Season will not change from last season; the Champion’s Award criteria will continue to be used to determine advancing teams.

- b. The Champion's Award is based on strong performance balanced across all three judged areas, the Robot Game score is in the top 40% of the highest single scores at the event, the team completes all 3 parts of the project and adheres to all Core Values.
- c. Although there was significant discussion surrounding the 40% Robot Game hurdle requirement for Advancement, we have determined that additional data is required before making a change. During this season, we will continue to explore what additional factors, if any, may impact teams' ability to advance.

4. Robot Design Executive Summary

- a. The RDES is no longer a pilot; it is optional by Region to be used as a tool to jumpstart discussions in the Robot Design Judging room.
- b. The text of the guidelines has been modified to include simpler language for team members to understand.

5. Core Values Poster

- a. The Core Values Poster is no longer a pilot; it is optional by Region to be used as a tool to jumpstart discussions in the Core Values Judging room.
- b. The text of the guidelines has been modified to include simpler language for team members to understand.