2024 - 25 Playoffs and Awards Ceremony Script

**Scoring System Automation:**

* This script is provided for reference, but events are strongly encouraged to learn to use the built-in scoring system script automation.
* The scoring system will auto-populate known information and guide the MC/Presenter through the correction process based on HQ requirements.
* This script tool can be found under the “present awards” section in FTC Live.

**Important Notes:**

* Awards **MUST** be presented in the order listed below.
* The script for the Innovate Award sponsored by RTX should not be changed at an event.
* This script utilizes all content necessary for a closing celebration, if your event isn’t conducting a specific part of the ceremony, please skip that text.
* **New playoff changes for this season!** Please review the playoff match bracket information in the [Competition Manual](https://ftc-resources.firstinspires.org/file/ftc/game/manual) in section 13.6.2.

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| **6-Alliance timing** | **Playoff Schedule Overview** |
| 5 mins | Opening dialog, thank the volunteers |
| 42 mins | Playoff matches rounds (1-4 depending on bracket size) |
| 15 mins | **1st Awards Break**  Welcome back the Judges and thank them  Judges’ Award (optional), Design Award, Motivate Award |
| 3 mins | Last round of playoffs |
| 15 mins | **2nd Awards Break**  Control Award, Innovate Award |
| 3 mins | Finals |
| 15 mins | **3rd Awards Break**  Connect Award, Think Award |
| 3 mins | Additional Finals Match (if needed) |
| 12 mins | Event Finalists and Event Winners |
| 10 mins | Inspire Award |
| 8 mins | Advancement Announcement (if known) and closing remarks |

**Key:**

**[Green Highlight]** – If using the scoring system script feature, data will automatically be filled in.

**[Yellow Highlight]** – User must fill in data based on their event information.

**(Action)** – Indicates an action or non-verbal interaction.

**(Blue Highlight)** – This indicates a transition from between ceremony and matches.

**Start this script before the first playoff match of the event.**

| **Speaker** | **Dialogue** | **Blocking Notes** |
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| Emcee | **(Start this script before the first match of Playoffs)** |  |
| Emcee | As we get ready to play our first playoff match, we want to celebrate our teams’ impressive achievements with some well-deserved awards!  As you've experienced, *FIRST* is more than an organization, *FIRST* is a movement, a community of global citizens, made up of our amazing participants, volunteers and supporters.  As we wrap up the outstanding day we’ve had, let’s thank some of the people who made this event happen.  Today could not have been possible without our volunteers!  We have some amazing volunteers at this event, let’s take a moment to celebrate them. As your role is called, please wave or stand to be acknowledged.  Referees, Field Managers and Field Reset **(PAUSE)**,  our Queuers **(PAUSE)**  and technical volunteers: FTAs WTAs, FTAAs CSAs, and Inspectors **(PAUSE)**  Thank you for your expertise, dedication and hard work today, thank you!  And another big round of applause for our generous sponsors: Our 2024-2025 *FIRST* DIVE season sponsor, Qualcomm, and our 2024-2025 *FIRST* Tech Challenge INTO THE DEEP Sponsor, RTX. Thank you! | Emcee comes to stage. |
| Emcee | [***Optional***]  Before we get started, I would like to introduce our special guest.  ***[Introduce first speaker, include a few personal sentences describing why the speaker is important to FIRST and our FIRST Tech Challenge program]*** | Speaker comes to stage, shakes hand. Emcee steps aside. |
| Speaker | ***[Brief comments]*** | Leaves stage. Emcee comes forward. |
| Emcee | And now, it’s time to start our first playoff match! As a reminder we have **[2/4/6/8]** alliances playing in our double elimination bracket today.  First up in Round 1 we have Alliance **[#]** vs Alliance **[#].** Let’s meet the teams.  **(*Intro the teams in the first match*)** | **(Transition to matches )**  ***(Continue playoff matches until the 1st awards break)*** |

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|  |  | ***(Start here for the 1st awards break)*** |
| Emcee | That was an exciting match, as we get ready for the next match we’d like to hand out a few well-deserved awards.  Let’s welcome out our judges. Will the judges helping with this first award break please come out and join me?  ***(Invite out any additional personnel that are going to hand out awards)***  If your team is named as winning 2nd or 3rd place, please stand to accept your applause from where you are seated in the stands.  Will the 1st place winners of each award please come down to the fields to accept their awards.  ***[Include instruction on which way you want teams to enter the playing area and where to exit as applicable by venue]*** |  |
| Emcee | **Judges’ Choice Award (Optional)**  The Judges’ Choice Award is given at the discretion of the Judges to a team they have encountered whose unique efforts, performance or dynamics merit recognition, yet the team does not fit into any of the existing award categories. Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award.  ***[INSERT JUDGES’ COMMENTS HERE]*** |  |
| Emcee | The Judges’ Choice Award is presented to:  ***[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]*** | Team comes forward, receives award, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | **Design Award**  The Design Award expands on this year’s challenge, inspiring teams to incorporate industrial design into their robots. These elements can be shown in the simplicity of the design as it applies to the tasks, the look and feel of the robot in how the design allows us to think of robots in new ways. |  |
| Emcee | 3rd Place for the Design Award goes to: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]***  2nd Place for the Design Award is: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Applause for finalist team  Applause for finalist team |
| Emcee | Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award:  ***[INSERT JUDGES’ COMMENTS HERE]*** |  |
| Emcee | The Design Award is presented to:  ***[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]*** | Team comes forward, receives award poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | **Motivate Award**  Next we have the Motivate Award. The team that receives the Motivate Award celebrates the culture of *FIRST* and clearly shows what it means to be a team. This award celebrates the team that represents the essence of the *FIRST* Tech Challenge competition through team building, team spirit, and displayed enthusiasm. This is a team who makes a collective effort to make *FIRST* known throughout their school, and community and sparks others to embrace the culture of *FIRST*. |  |
| Emcee | 3rd Place for the Motivate Award goes to: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]***  2nd Place for the Motivate Award is: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Applause for finalist team  Applause for finalist team |
| Emcee | Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award:  **[INSERT JUDGES’ COMMENTS HERE]** |  |
| Emcee | The Motivate Award is presented to:  ***[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]*** | Team comes forward, receives award, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | And now we’d love to have you turn your attention to the teams at the field as we play the next playoff match! |  |
| GA |  | ***(Start next Playoff Match, continue to 2nd Award Break)*** |

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|  |  | ***(Start here for the 2nd awards break)*** |
| Emcee | Can we welcome back to the field the judges helping with this second award break? Judges, please come out and join me.  ***(Invite out any additional personnel that are going to hand out awards)*** | Judges that are assisting with awards come to stage. |
| Emcee | **Control Award**  The Control Award celebrates the team that demonstrates innovative thinking in the control system to solve game challenges such as autonomous operation, enhancing mechanical systems with intelligent control, or using sensors to achieve better results on the field. |  |
| Emcee | 3rd Place for the Control Award goes to: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]***  2nd Place for the Control Award is: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Applause for finalist team  Applause for finalist team |
| Emcee | Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award:  **[INSERT JUDGES’ COMMENTS HERE]** |  |
| Emcee | The Control Award is presented to:  ***[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]*** | Team comes forward, receives award, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | **Innovate Award sponsored by RTX**  The Innovate Award sponsored by RTX celebrates a team that has the ingenuity and inventiveness to make their designs come to life. This award is given to the team that the Judges feel has the most innovative and creative robot design solution to this season’s game. Elements of this award include elegant design, robustness and ‘out of the box’ thinking.  This award may address the design of the whole robot or some sub- assembly component. The creative component needs to work consistently. | ***(Do not alter script)*** |
| Emcee | 3rd Place for the Innovate Award sponsored by RTX goes to: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]***  2nd Place for the Innovate Award sponsored by RTX is: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Applause for finalist team  Applause for finalist team |
| Emcee | Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award:  ***[INSERT JUDGES’ COMMENTS HERE]*** |  |
| Emcee | The Innovate Award sponsored by RTX is presented to:  ***[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]*** | Team comes forward, receives award, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | And now we’d love to have you turn your attention to the teams at the field as we play the next and maybe final playoff match! |  |
| GA |  | ***(Start next Playoff Match, continue to 3rd Award Break, this will commonly be the last match)*** |

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|  |  | ***(Start here for the 3rd awards break)*** |
| Emcee | Judges, please come out and join me for the next awards.  ***(invite out any additional personnel that are going to hand out awards)*** |  |
| Emcee | **Connect Award**  The Connect Award is presented to the team that the Judges’ feel most connected with their local Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) community. A true *FIRST* team recognizes that engaging their local STEM community plays an essential part in their success. The recipient of this award is recognized for helping the community understand *FIRST,* the *FIRST* Tech Challenge, and the team itself. |  |
| Emcee | 3rd Place for the Connect Award goes to: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]***  2nd Place for the Connect Award is***: [Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Applause for finalist team  Applause for finalist team |
| Emcee | Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award:  ***[INSERT JUDGES’ COMMENTS HERE]*** |  |
| Emcee | The Connect Award is presented to  ***[insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]*** | Team comes forward, receives award, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | **Think Award**  The Think Award is given to the team that the Judges feel best reflects the journey of the engineering design process. The engineering portfolio is the key reference for Judges to help them identify the most deserving team. This team’s engineering portfolio focused on the design and build stages of the team’s robot and exemplified their journey as a team and engineers. |  |
| Emcee | 3rd Place for the Think Award goes to: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]***  2nd Place for the Think Award is: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Applause for finalist team  Applause for finalist team |
| Emcee | Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award:  ***[INSERT JUDGES’ COMMENTS HERE]*** |  |
| Emcee | The Think Award is presented to:  ***[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]*** | Team comes forward, receives award, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | And now we’d love to have you turn your attention to the teams at the field as we play the very last playoff match! | ***(Next playoff match)*** |
| GA |  | ***(Insert match commentary, final match unless true tie)*** |

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|  |  | ***(Start here for the final awards presentation)*** |
| PDP, Event Director, or Scorekeeper | (***Ensure the advancement list is ready to present from the scoring system or have a printed copy available for the emcee)*** |  |
| Emcee | Now for the next few awards, I would like all the teams I call on to come up to the front. |  |
| Emcee | **Finalist Alliance**  We will now recognize the winners of today’s competition. |  |
| Emcee | Our Finalist Alliance Lead  ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Team comes forward, receives award/medals, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | *Our Finalist Alliance Partner:*  ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Team comes forward, receives award/medals, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | Our Winning Alliance Lead:  ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Team comes forward, receives award/medals, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | *Our Winning Alliance Partner:*  ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Team comes forward, receives award/medals, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | **The Inspire Award**  The Inspire Award is presented to the team that the Judges felt truly embodied the ‘challenge’ of the *FIRST* Tech Challenge program. The team that receives this award is a strong ambassador for *FIRST* programs and works to promote *FIRST* and make it loud in their community.  The team that receives this award has performed well in all Judging categories and was chosen by the Judges as a model *FIRST* Tech Challenge team both on and off the playing field. This team shares their experiences, enthusiasm and knowledge with other teams, sponsors, their community, and the Judges.  Working as a unit, this team will have shown success in performing the task of designing and building a robot. |  |
| Emcee | 3rd Place for the Inspire Awards is: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Team comes forward, receives award/medals, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | 2nd Place for the Inspire Award is: ***[Insert Team number, Team name, Team city and state or province here]*** | Team comes forward, receives award/medals, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | Here is what the Judges have to say about the winner of this award  ***[INSERT JUDGES’ COMMENTS HERE]*** |  |
| Emcee | The Inspire Award is presented to:  ***[Insert winning Team number, Team name, Team location]*** | Team comes forward, receives award/medals, poses for photos, leaves stage. |
| Emcee | And now I’m excited to announce the ***[#]*** teams advancing from this event to ***[Event Name, Location, Date].*** Please hold your applause for the end.  **(read each team from the advancement report in order until all teams advancing from this event have been mentioned)**  The first advancement slot goes to the  ***[Advancement Criteria]*** –  ***[Team number, Team name, Team location]***  ***(optional)[who already advanced earlier]***  The next advancement slot goes to the  ***[Advancement Criteria]*** –  ***[Team number, Team name, Team location]***  ***(optional)[who already advanced earlier]***  ***(Repeat for each advancing team) (applause)*** | Scorekeeper should present the advancing teams list |
| Emcee | Thank you all for being a great audience today, bringing your Gracious Professionalism to the event, and supporting the next generation of innovators and STEM leaders!  And thank you to everyone for making this an excellent competition, celebration, and *FIRST* Tech Challenge season! | Everyone leaves the stage. |

**(end of ceremony)**