



## 2009 Awards and Judging Policies Part II

# Information specific to San Antonio BEST

### *I. Hub Specifications*

Because hubs operate with a variety of resources, specific requirements of the BEST Award will vary between hubs. This document contains specific requirements set forth by your local hub for the BEST Award competition. Should your team advance to the Regional competition and participate in the BEST Award, be aware that there will be differences in notebook, oral presentation, table display, and interview procedures and guidelines.

### *II. BEST Award Guidelines*

The BEST Award will be judged using the following scenario:

#### Scenario 1:

| <b>Judging Category</b>      | <b>Point Value</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Project Engineering Notebook | 30 points          |
| Oral Presentation            | 25 points          |
| Table Display and Interviews | 25 points          |
| Spirit and Sportsmanship     | 15 points          |
| Robot Performance            | 5 points           |
| <i>Total</i>                 | <i>100 points</i>  |

### **Category I: Project Engineering Notebook**

#### **Guidelines**

- The Project Engineering Notebook should be turned in to SA BEST personnel when you check in for Demo day on October 18th at St. Mary's University in the Auxiliary Gym. You must turn in your notebook no later than 3:00 PM. Teams located more than 60 miles away that are not participating in Demo Day, should send the notebook to: SA BEST 8111 Mainland Ste 104-157, San Antonio, TX 78240. Mail/sent notebooks must be postmarked no later than Oct 17th. The notebook must arrive no later than Monday October 19th. Hand-delivered notebooks will not be accepted after 3:00 PM on Sunday.

## **Category II: Oral Presentation**

- Each BEST Award team will sign up for a presentation time slot during Demo day activities. The available time slots are tentatively planned for Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Specifics will be announced later. Sign up will be done at Demo-Day and will be done on a first-come basis; come early if you want a specific time. The location for the presentations is currently planned for the AT&T Center for Information Technology located at St Mary's University.

### **Guidelines**

- At the time of the presentation, the following equipment will be available: a projector and a laptop with Microsoft PowerPoint; however, it would be in the team's best interest to bring a laptop with the presentation already loaded if there is a specific version or capabilities required. The team must provide any additional equipment it wishes to use.

### **Time Breakdown**

- There will be a check-in station ATT Center for Information Technology at St. Mary's University (this is NOT the ATT Center where the Spurs play)
- Teams should check in 15 minutes prior to their time slot.
- The order and breakdown for the 25-minute presentation time period is as follows:
  - *5 minutes*: Set-up
  - *12 minutes*: Presentation
  - *5 minutes*: Q&A with judges
  - *3 minutes*: Break-down and clear room

Note: Teams not requiring set-up or break-down time may utilize that time for their presentation (for a total presentation time of up to 20 minutes).

- Five minutes will be scheduled between presentation sessions to allow judges time to confer without the team present.

## **Category III: Table Displays and Interviews**

### **Guidelines**

- Each team will be provided with a standard six-foot long table (approximately 29 inches wide).
- Maximum allowed floor space for table displays will be 6' wide and 4' deep.
- Maximum allowed height for table displays will be 8'.

- Table displays can be set up after 4:00 pm on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> in the concourse area surround the main gym at St. Mary's. Table locations will be assigned during check in for machine inspection. Student representatives should man tables during the assigned interview time. Interview schedules will be provided on Game-Day.
- Teams should expect to be visited by two different judges during this period.

#### **Category IV: Spirit and Sportsmanship (15 Points)**

- Please be respectful of St Mary's facilities. St. Mary's is extremely generous for allowing SA BEST to use their facilities, so please don't do anything that may test that generosity.
- The following noise-makers will not be allowed during the competition:
  1. Air Horns
  2. Whistles
  3. Any device/instrument determined to be offensive or excessive by the SA BEST volunteers.