



2011 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 may be differences in notebook, marketing presentation, team exhibit, and interview procedures and guidelines.

II. BEST Award Guidelines

The BEST Award will be judged using the following scenario:

Judging Category	Point Value
Project Engineering Notebook	25 points
Marketing Presentation	25 points
Team Exhibit and Interviews	20 points
Spirit and Sportsmanship	15 points
Robot Performance	15 points

Total 100 points

Category I: Project Engineering Notebook (25 points)

Guidelines

- The Project Engineering Notebook must be submitted online at the SA BEST website (www.sabest.org) in Portable Document Format (pdf) by 3:00 PM on Sunday October 9. All teams must also separately submit demographics information online at www.RobotEvents.com and show proof of that submission by 3:00 PM on Demo Day at St. Mary's University. Teams that are not required to participate in Demo Day can provide proof of demographics submission via e-mail to tgrimley@satx.rr.com.

Category II: Marketing Presentation (25 points)

- 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 13th and Friday, October 14th. 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: Team Exhibit and Interviews (20 points)

Guidelines

- At Demo Day, teams will be asked if they plan to have an exhibit and if they will need a table.
- 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. Displays over this limit may be asked to be removed.
- Maximum allowed height for table displays will be 8'.

- Table displays can be set up after 4:00 pm on Friday, October 14th 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.