



TEAM VIDEO JUDGING GUIDELINES

At various CREATE sponsored events, event partners may opt to do judging via video presentations. The larger the tournament the more likely this format will be adopted. These videos will be reviewed by Judges. Only those earning a superior score will be invited to a face-to-face interview at the tournament. Only teams invited to face-to-face interviews will be eligible for some judged awards. (Awards like the Energy and Sportsmanship award do not require face-to-face interviews.)

The purpose of Video Judging is intended to allow very large tournaments to effectively review the work of all teams. It encourages teams to practice and hone their presentation skills and allows them an opportunity to tell their story. The guidelines below are intended to make the creation of the team video as simple and as close to a traditional interview as possible.

Below are the guidelines for recording a CREATE Team Judging Interview.

Content

- All videos must include the following in the order listed
 - Introduction of the team: Use team number only and team name only if it has no reference to your school or city/town name.
 - Statement of which event this video is for. (A new video should be shot for each event.)
 - Introduction of each team member, by each team member
 - First Name (No last names.)
 - Grade
 - Team position held (Design, build, documentation, scouting, etc.)
 - Other comments deemed appropriate/pertinent
 - Answers to the following questions:
 - What was the most difficult task in building your robot?
 - What do you consider the strength of your robot?
 - What do you think you could do to improve your robot?
 - What community involvement related to robotics has your team had? (This could be helping other teams outside your school, promoting robotics within the community, etc.)
 - Anything else deemed important about your robot and/or your team's experience. (This final portion of the video is a great opportunity to highlight key areas of focus and strengths of your team and robot.)
- The following are recommendations, but are not required.
 - Introduction of the robot. Name if applicable and a brief explanation of its capabilities.
 - Video of the robot's capabilities and unique/important assemblies/sub-assemblies in action.
 - Review of the engineering notebook (2 minute max).

- Please be sure the recording is clear enough for the drawings and text of the notebook to be read in the video.
- Don't move too fast from page to page.
- Be sure to cover the most important aspects of the notebook.
- Video of the robot in action is very beneficial. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words, a moving picture even more so.
- When answering the questions listed above it is best to weave them into your presentation rather than answer them in sequence.

Format

- Video is to be uploaded via youtube. When uploading select “unlisted” mode.
- Video must be recorded in one continuous stream. No editing of multiple recordings. The record button is pushed ONCE at the beginning and the stop button is pressed ONCE at the end, making one, continuous shot with absolutely no edits. This method will most closely mimic a regular face-to-face interview.
- No CGI (computer generated images).
- Minimum length is not set. With clear and concise communication all topics can be covered in a relatively short video. However 5 minutes is probably a good rule of thumb.
- Maximum length of 10 minutes. The video will be stopped at 10 minutes and all content beyond 10 minutes will not be considered.
- Adults are neither to be seen nor heard on the video. Students only. However we encourage adult coaches and mentors to work with the teams refining their presentation and communication skills. Adults are welcome to record the video so that ALL team members are on camera.

Elements of a Superior Video

- All members play a part in the presentation.
- Information conveyed is clear and to the point. (No rambling.)
- Video is clear and easy to see.
- Audio is clear and easy to understand.
- All speakers enunciate and speak loudly enough to be easily heard.
- Video of the robot is clear. Close-ups are used where appropriate. Special functions are shown and clearly explained.
- Engineering notebook has substance and clearly has been used to document both the team's journey and design decisions made throughout the year. (Although optional please keep in mind an engineering notebook is required for the Design award and weighs heavily in consideration for other awards like the Excellence award.)
- Each question is answered thoughtfully.
- All presenters are cheerful and enthusiastic.

Naming Convention

- Videos will be assigned a name/URL by youtube. When saving a video in youtube as an *unlisted* video it will not be search-able in youtube and with a randomly assigned name will be nearly impossible for anyone else to find.

Sequence of Events

- Create your video.
- Upload your video and get youtube URL.
- VIEW video via youtube PRIOR to submitting your video. This is an important step that should not be skipped. If you submit a URL that does not work or is not fully processed by youtube your submission will be rejected.
- Submit your video. Submission of your video must be made via google forms. A link will be provided on the Event Page on Robotevents.
- If your submission is successful you will get immediate confirmation. However, be sure to include an adult email address in case we have difficulty with your video. If we cannot contact you and your video does not work your team's work cannot/will not be reviewed. An optional phone number can also be included with your submission as a second method of contact.
- Submissions are to be made by the deadline on the Event Page on Robotevents.
- Teams that fail to submit a video will not be eligible for most judged awards.
- Teams that fail to submit a video may also miss out on special events/opportunities at the discretion of the Event Partner. So be sure to read all the event specific rules regarding Video Judging on the Event Page.
- Judges will review the videos and the top candidates in each judged category will be invited to a face-to-face interview at the tournament.
- Notification of face-to-face interviews will take place during registration the day of the tournament and not before.
- We recommend you delete your video from youtube once the tournament is over. Please do not delete your video prior to the end of the tournament as judges often refer back to them in their deliberations.

Security – Youtube unlisted uploading was selected for both ease of use and security. The randomly generated name will make it virtually impossible for anyone else to find or stumble upon the video. However, we believe in an abundance of caution when posting anything on the internet and therefore strongly recommend that:

- Last names are never used.
- School names are never used.
- No statements or references are made that allows others to determine the home city/town or school of the team is used.