

Gael Force FRC 126 Awards/Presentation Seminar



Technical/Machine Based Award Tips

Industrial Design Award, Quality Award, Innovation in Control Award, Creativity Award

- **Document your process:** photos, spreadsheets, blogs, articles, CAD
- **Be able to describe function(s)/part(s) in concise terms:** use documentation to help explain/demonstrate function(s)/feature(s).
- **DON'T FIB!** If what you say in the pit doesn't line up with what's happening on the field, that's not good! Be honest! Know your strengths and speak to them
- **Talk about failure:** Explain how you learned from failure(s) to arrive to success and the place you are now. Explain how you overcame obstacles.
- **Describe how each component functions and contributes to your strategy and the game:** Start from the bottom up! Describe how each mechanism contributes to your success on the field and how it works!

Team Attribute Award Tips

Team Spirit Award, Imagery Award, Entrepreneurship Award, Engineering Inspiration Award

- **Documentation:** Create a packet, scrapbook, slideshow and/or posters documenting your team's best qualities. Use these as an aide when talking about how you've reached out to/impacted other teams, your community and other communities.
- **Tell your story:** Personal experience stories that give an inside look at what your team has done will stick out in someone's mind more than just the facts!
- **Appearance:** Make sure your team looks cohesive- from your robot, to your team shirts, handouts, your pit, and any packets or documentation you may be using.
- **Don't be afraid to talk about failure:** As long as you can discuss/show how you've learned and grown from them.

- **PRACTICE** ^{100,000,000,000}: The more you practice the better you get! Practice with a stop watch, distractions, in front of your team, in front of friends, families, in the shower, in your head. Just make sure you practice!

DVD

- **Make a storyboard:** To plan out frame by frame what you will do. Create a script.
- **Work on it post ship:** That way you can get help from lots of your teammates
- **Make several copies of it:** Without the DVD you cannot be judged. Make sure you have it!
- **Do not use copyrighted music, images, etc.**
- **Keep it simple:** You do not have to show your DVD during your 5 minute presentation, it's showed at the regional if you win. It can be as simple as a slide show, power point converted to a DVD, stop motion or a fancy video.

Entrepreneurship Award Tips

- **Use Executive Summary as your guide:** Elaborate on executive summary topics in the body of your business plan. But remember your 2 page (maximum) Mission Statement and Executive Summary should be what grabs the reader's attention and gives a great clear overview of your team's business plan.
- **Talk about what makes your team, your team!:** Talk about what makes your team's unique structures and partnerships successful and awesome.
- **Make sure you have several hard copies:** Make sure one gets to a judge after you talk about it! If they don't ask about it, ask them if they'd like to hear about it and make sure they walk away with a copy in hand.
- **Submit before the 21st at noon:** You have to submit online this year! Be sure to get it done early and submitted on STIMS before noon on February 21st!



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