



Spirit &
Sportsmanship

Bison BEST
Kick-Off Session
2015

BEST Competition



There are two parallel tracts to the BEST program:

- o The Robotics Competition
- o The BEST Award (Optional)

Note: The Project Engineering Notebook is required along with the robot for the robot competition

BEST Award



All teams are eligible for the BEST Award, if you choose to compete

Judging is based on five criteria (100 points possible):

- o Project Engineering Notebook (30 points)
- o Marketing Presentation (25 points)
- o Team Exhibit & Interview (20 points)
- o Robot Competition (15 points)
- o **Spirit & Sportsmanship (10 points)**

Purpose



To display team spirit and sportsmanship
at the competition

Guidelines

- Evaluated based on their observation of team members, teachers, mentors, and spectators
- Observe the spirit promoted by the team during the competition rounds as well as the conduct throughout the competition in the seating area, table display area, game area, and pit area

What is spirit?

Spirit

BE CREATIVE! Think of something new that is going to make the judges remember your team and robot!

- o Team Hats
- o Team T-shirts
- o Costumes
- o Buttons
- o Theme Music
- o Banners
- o Posters
- o School Bands
- o Cheerleaders
- o Decorated Robots
- o Team Cheers
- o Spirit Songs
- o Number of Supporters in the Stands
- o Freebies with logo
- o Team/Robot Fact Sheets

Bands



School Mascots



Homemade Mascots



Cheerleaders



Posters



Themes & Costumes



Team T-Shirts



Stands Full of Supporters



Special Note

- o Please note that supporters and students should be **actively engaged** in the event at all times and should not be:
 - o On their cell phones texting
 - o Sleeping
 - o Playing Gameboys
 - o On computers unless for scoring software
 - o Listening to iPods
 - o And so on...

What is sportsmanship?

Sportsmanship

- o Outward displays of sportsmanship
 - o Helping teams in need
 - o Mentoring teams
- o Grace in winning and losing
- o Conduct and attitude considered befitting participation in sports
- o Evidence that students (not mentors) are making the majority of robot adjustments and repairs

Score Sheet

SPiRiT! (4 points)

Exhibit vigor and enthusiasm throughout competition event.		Possible Points	Points Awarded
12	Clear evidence of continued support over an extended time period, group is loud and enthusiastic and consistent encouragement for own team and opponents'.	12	
9-7	Evidence of support most of time, group is often loud and enthusiastic, but inconsistent for opponent teams.		
6-4	Group is loud and enthusiastic once or twice, and there is not visible encouragement for opponent teams.		
3-1	You can tell some people are rooting for the team once in a while.		
Comments:			

Use of signs, posters, props, costumes, t-shirts, etc.		Possible Points	Points Awarded
12	Group uses multiple avenues of support - signs, posters, props, costumes, t-shirts, these are creative and noticeable.	12	
9-7	Group uses three or more methods of support, but they are not particularly creative or noticeable.		
6-4	Group shows support through one or two methods in a creative way.		
3-1	Group shows support through one or two methods, but they are not creative or noticeable.		
Comments:			

Cheerleaders, mascots, bands, organized noise-makers, etc.		Possible Points	Points Awarded
8-6	Group has several of these things (cheerleaders, mascots, bands, noise-makers), they are quite noticeable, and appropriately used.	8	
5-3	Group has several things, but they are not prominent and are noticeable or appropriately used.		
2-1	Group has one of these things, but many not noticeable or appropriately used.		
Comments:			

Number of supporters with school (other than students)		Possible Points	Points Awarded
8-6	It is clear there are many non-student supporters, and they are actively engaged.	8	
5-3	There are clearly a few supporters other than students, but appear to be somewhat disengaged.		
2-1	You think they have non-students supporters but you aren't sure.		
Comments:			

SPORTSMANSHIP (6 points)**Outward display of sportsmanship (e.g. helping other teams in need).**

20	You clearly see and hear of two or more instances of helping another team that are genuine.
19-15	You clearly see and hear of at least one instance of helping another team that are genuine.
14-10	You clearly see and hear of instances of helping another team but not authentic.
9-5	Group appears helpful, but you have no direct evidence.
4-0	Minimal engagement with other teams, or teammates on their own team.
Comments:	
Possible Points	
20	
Points Awarded	

Conduct an attitude considered befitting participation in sports (e.g., grace in winning or losing).

20	Team actively cheers for other teams no matter what the circumstances, they always show respect for others.
19-15	Team generally cheers for and supports other teams most of the time.
14-10	Team sometimes cheers for others.
9-5	Team shows respect for others most of the time.
4-0	Team shows minimal respect for others.
Comments:	
Possible Points	
20	
Points Awarded	

Evidence that students are the primary "pit crew" (robot repairs and adjustments during competition)

20	Students clearly do all the work with minimal guidance from adults.
19-10	Students do most of the work with some help from adults.
9-5	Adults are in charge in the pit and students are doing some work.
4-0	Adults are in charge in the pit and students are doing minimal work.
Comments:	
Possible Points	
20	
Points Awarded	

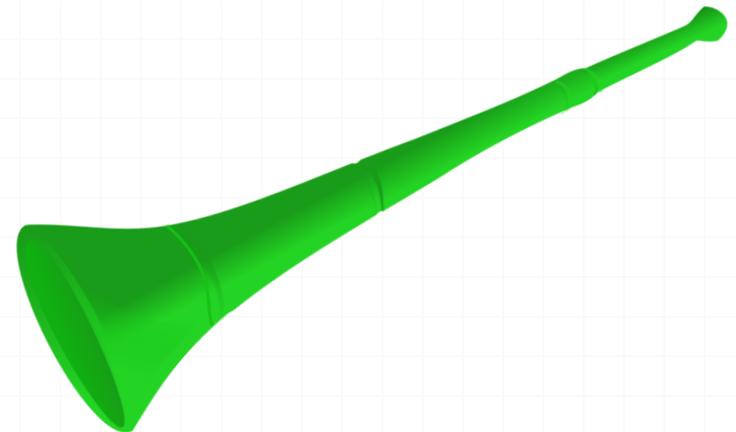
Team Ballots



Teams will vote for BEST Award teams that they think are demonstrating good spirit and sportsmanship. Points will be awarded for both casting your vote and receiving votes. These points are averaged with the spirit and sportsmanship judges' results to determine a final score for each team. Your team ballot will along with further instructions will be provided when you check-in at Game Day.

Remember...

- o Bison BEST Robotics does not allow the following noise-makers during the competition:
 - o Vuvuzela horns
 - o Air horns



Questions?
