Excellence Award

Key Criteria

- Meets the full Design Award baseline: a fully developed Engineering Notebook and a strong Team Interview.
- Stands out as a strong candidate for other Judged Awards.
- Shows positive conduct and sportsmanship.
- Places in the top 40% of teams in:
  - Qualification Matches
  - Robot Skills Challenge
  - Autonomous Coding Skills Challenge (only teams with a score above zero are ranked)
- Tells a consistent story across the notebook, interview, and the robot itself.

Category: Judged Award.
Judges evaluate how well teams communicate, work together, conduct themselves professionally, and keep the experience centered on student learning.

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Design Award

Key Criteria

- Keeps a fully developed Engineering Notebook that ranks among the strongest at the event.
- Follows an iterative, student-led engineering design process.
- Manages time, teammates, and resources effectively.
- Can clearly walk through their robot's design, strategy, and key decisions.
- Tells a consistent story across the notebook, interview, and robot.

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Innovate Award

Key Criteria

- Showcases a distinctive design element, strategy, or feature that the team is actively using at the event.
- Traces that innovation's development clearly, from the original idea through to final implementation.
- Reflects independent thinking and strong student ownership throughout the design process.
- Also satisfies every requirement of the Design Award.

Category: Judged Award.
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Think Award

Key Criteria

- Takes part in the Autonomous Coding Skills Challenge and scores above zero.
- Writes code that's clean, well-organized, and clearly documented, with a structured approach to version management.
- Can explain their coding strategy, how it tackles the game's challenges, and how the team worked together to build it.
- Codes effectively for both Qualification Matches and the Coding Skills Challenge.

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Amaze Award

Key Criteria

- Robot reliably contributes to match wins.
- Performs well in both Driving Skills and Autonomous Coding Skills.
- Code supports strong gameplay in matches and skills runs alike.
- Team can explain their robot's design and overall game strategy.

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Build Award

Key Criteria

- Robot is sturdy, dependable, and built to last.
- Reflects careful craftsmanship, attention to detail, and safe design.
- Team can explain how they designed and built it.

Category: Judged Award.
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Create Award

Key Criteria

- Takes a creative, out-of-the-box approach to game challenges.
- Uses bold or original design choices to meet game objectives.
- Team can explain their robot's design and game strategy.

Category: Judged Award.
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Judges Award

Key Criteria

- Shows outstanding effort, resilience, or other standout qualities.
- Leaves a lasting, positive impression on the judges.

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Inspire Award

Key Criteria

- Brings energy and a positive attitude to the competition.
- Treats others with honesty, respect, and kindness.
- Overcomes obstacles or reaches a meaningful accomplishment.

Category: Judged Award.
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Sportsmanship Award

Key Criteria

- Treats competitors, volunteers, and judges with courtesy, kindness, and respect.
- Competes in a friendly, honest, and professional spirit.
- Helps create a positive experience for everyone at the event.

Category: Nominated Award.
This optional honor lets volunteers and judges recognize good sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the competition.

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Energy Award

Key Criteria

- Brings high energy and enthusiasm throughout the event.
- Shares a passion for robotics that lifts the experience for those around them.

Category: Nominated Award.
This optional honor lets volunteers and judges recognize good sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the competition.

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