2025 - 26 Alliance Selection Script

**Scoring System Automation:**

* This script is provided for reference, but events are strongly encouraged to use the built-in scoring system script automation.
* Scoring system will auto-populate known information and guide the Emcee/Presenter through the correction process based on HQ requirements.
* This script is available when logged into the Emcee role in the scoring system.

**Videos Assets:**

* Available for [download from Box](https://ftc-resources.firstinspires.org/ftc/event/videos) file sharing service (public access).
* Available for download within FTC Live ([FTC Live Setup Guide](https://ftc-resources.firstinspires.org/ftc/event/scoring-setup))

**Important Notes:**

* The Alliance Selection is an important part of the *FIRST*® Tech Challenge event for both teams and the audience and should be presented exactly as scripted.
* The number of alliances which will be formed is based on the number of teams included in the Qualification Schedule. Details on the alliance selection process are available in the [Competition Manual](https://ftc-resources.firstinspires.org/file/ftc/game/manual), in section 13.7.1.



* Before beginning alliance selection determine with field staff where each Alliance Captain will stand—place visual indicators on the floor in these locations to assist student representatives. If the event is live streaming the camera locations may need to be adjusted.
* Prior to alliance selection, an Emcee or Game Announcer should work with Queueing volunteers to verify the presence of student representatives, and explain the alliance selection process.
* Verify with Head Referee where they would like to meet with Alliance Captains and when Playoff Matches will begin before you start Alliance Selection.

**Key:**

**[Green Highlight]** – If using the scoring system script feature, data will automatically be filled in

**[Yellow Highlight]** – User must fill-in data based on their event information

**(Action)** – Indicates an action or non-verbal interaction

**(Blue Highlight)** – This indicates a transition from between Ceremony and Matches

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| **Speaker** | **Dialogue** | **Blocking Notes** |
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| Emcee | WOW what a great day of qualification matches so far! It’s now time to move onto the playoff portion of the competition! But first, with **[Insert number of teams]** competing today we need to form the **[2/4/6/8** **from Table 13-2 in the Competition Manual]** alliances that will compete to become the DECODE presented by RTXwinners, here at the **[Insert name of Event]**.  | The Emcee runs the alliance selection in the same area as the playing fields.  |
| Emcee | Here is how we select alliances: First, we will announce the top **[2/4/6/8]** ranked teams as alliance leads. Each of these teams will have a student representative, the Alliance Captain, join us on the field. The first selection will begin with the highest-ranked team based on qualification match performance. After the number one ranked team makes their selection, the next highest ranked and unpicked team will then make their selection.We continue this process until we have **[2/4/6/8]** complete alliances, each alliance will be made up of two teams. After an Alliance Captain extends an invitation to join their alliance, the student representative from the invited team will join us and either accept or decline the invitation.  | **SINGLE DIVISION:**Follow as written**DUAL DIVISION:**Each division selection can be done as a combined ceremony or two parallel events. The selections should occur at close to the same ending time so that playoff match can start at the same time. One division should not have measurably more time between alliance selection and the beginning of playoff matches. |
| Emcee | If a team declines an invitation to become an alliance partner, that team may not be invited to join any other alliance. The declining team does not, however, lose their right to select if they become an Alliance Captain. For example, if the number one ranked team picks the number four ranked team and they decline, the number four ranked team keeps their right to be an Alliance Captain and the number one ranked team will need to extend the invitation to another team. The number four ranked team cannot be invited to join another alliance. If the number four ranked team accepts the invitation, the next highest ranked team will move into that position.[Alternative for two-team event: For example, if the number one ranked team picks the number two ranked team and they decline, the number one ranked team will need to extend the invitation to another team, but the number two ranked team will still be an Alliance Captain and make their selection. If the number two ranked team accepts, then the number three ranked team will move into their position.]Throughout the day, teams have been scouting each other to evaluate strengths, weaknesses and possible collaborative strategies in the playoff rounds. This is where we see “scouting” come into play as teams decide who to partner with. Each Alliance Captain is looking to make the strongest possible alliance to play out the rest of the event with. |  |
| Emcee | Once we have **[2/4/6/8]** complete alliances, we will begin the playoff matches, which play in a double elimination bracket. In a double elimination tournament, all alliances will start off in the upper bracket where they will play one match against another alliance. The losing team will drop to the lower bracket and face a new alliance in the next round, after they have lost a second time they will be eliminated from the tournament. Alliances will continue to play until there is only one alliance remaining that has not lost twice.  |  |
| Emcee | Teams who advance from this event will receive an invitation to **[Insert next level of Tournament play]** This event will be advancing a minimum of [**insert number**] of teams to the next event.  | Your Program Delivery Partner must confirm the number of teams advancing from this event and to where.  |
| Emcee | There’s a lot on the line here. Let’s meet the teams! Teams, please come on up here when you hear your team number and name called. |  |
| Emcee | Please welcome the number eight seed, team # **[Insert Team # and name].** | **If applicable, Table 13-2**Number eight seed comes to the front by the Emcee |
| Emcee | Please welcome the number seven seed, team # **[Insert Team # and name].** | **If applicable, Table 13-2**Number seven seed comes to the front by the Emcee |
| Emcee | Please welcome the number six seed, team # **[Insert Team # and name].** | **If applicable, Table 13-2**Number six seed comes to the front by the Emcee |
| Emcee | Please welcome the number five seed, team # **[Insert Team # and name].** | **If applicable, Table 13-2**Number five seed comes to the front by the Emcee |
| Emcee | Please welcome the number four seed, team # **[Insert Team # and name].** | **If applicable, Table 13-2**Number four seed comes to the front by the Emcee |
| Emcee | And now please welcome the number three seed, team # **[Insert Team # and name].** | **If applicable, Table 13-2**Number three seed comes to the front |
| Emcee | And now, the number two seed, team # **[Insert Team # and name].** | Number two seed comes to the front  |
| Emcee | And finally, our number one seed, congratulations to team # **[Insert Team # and name].** | Number one seed will stand next to the Emcee.  |
| Emcee | Now, our number one seed will make the first pick. Which team would you like to invite to join your alliance? ***(non-captain should be asked)*** Do you accept this invitation to form an alliance?***(Alliance Captain should be asked)*** Do you accept or would you prefer to form your own alliance? | Emcee will move next to the number one seed and ask:*Teams respond with something like:**“Team #xxxx would like to invite team #xxxx to be our alliance partner.”*At this time, the invited team representative will come to the front*Teams respond with something like:**“Team #xxxx accepts”* |
| Emcee | Congratulations! Now we’ll move down to the next Alliance Captain! Which team would you like to select to join your alliance? | If #1 chooses Seeds 2, 3, etc and they accept the invite, slide the other Alliance Captains up and ask the next highest ranked team’s student representative to join you on the field, putting them into the last Alliance Captain spot. Do this for any later selections as well. You should always have all Alliance Captain spots filled on the field before you move on to ask for the next selection.**STOP** before you complete the last selection to complete the alliances. |
| Emcee | Before we learn who the last Alliance Captain’s selection will be, one last note. Immediately following the selection, the Head Referee will meet with all the alliance team representatives [verify location of meeting with your Head Referee] to cover the rules of the playoffs. If your team is anAlliance Lead and you plan to have a different student who is on your drive team serve as your Alliance Captain during playoffs, we will ask that you have that person ready to send down to the field immediately following alliance selection.  |  |
| Emcee | Team **[insert team number]** which team would you like to select to join your alliance? |  |
| Emcee | What an exciting tournament it’s going to be! Let’s hear it with a big round of applause for all the teams competing today. Congratulations to everyone for putting in your best effort out on the field!  At this time, we need each alliance to send their Alliance Captain to meet with the Head Referee at [**Insert Location**] to review our tournament rules.We’ll give the alliances some time to talk strategy and prepare for the playoff matches, which will begin at **[Insert Time]**.  Remember, awards will be presented during the playoffs—so stick around, cheer loud, and we’ll see you back here soon! | After you have completed all the alliances, you say:Beginning of playoff time set by scorekeeper before alliance selections starts, can be adjusted immediately following selection process if needed. |