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Revision History	
Revision	Description
V25-26.1	Initial 2025-26 Season Release

## Questions

- Q1. Teams can present without interruption from the Judges for 5 minutes...**
- A. Or until the entire interview session is completed.
  - B. And can be disqualified if they have no prepared presentation.
  - C. At the end of 5 minutes, Judges politely stop the presentation and begin to ask questions of the team.
  - D. As long as their presentation is relevant to what the Judges would like to know.
- Q2. The Inspire Award recognizes teams who:**
- A. Are nominated for Think, a Team Attribute Award, and a Machine, Creativity, and Innovate Award.
  - B. Are ranked above 60% at the end of the qualification matches.
- Q3. When talking about Conflict of Interest, which of the following statements are true? (Select all that apply)**
- A. The perceptions a team has about a conflict of interest in the judging panel can discourage the team.
  - B. A Judge must remove themselves from any conversations where it could be perceived that they have a conflict of interest.
  - C. Conflict of interest is as much about the perception of conflict as it is about actual conflict.
  - D. Judges do not need to declare a conflict of interest if they believe they can be impartial.
  - E. Judges must declare a conflict, even when they believe they can be impartial.

- Q4. When Judges receive a Portfolio that is longer than the allowed 15 pages of content, plus a cover sheet, they should.**
- A. Read and consider the entire Portfolio.
  - B. Read the entire Portfolio but only consider the best 15 pages of content.
  - C. Read and consider only the first 15 pages of content.
- Q5. When learning about the outreach events a team has shared, the Judges should:**
- A. Refer to the Outreach Terms and Definitions document for guidance on outreach terminology.
  - B. Use Google to verify the outreach events.
- Q6. Teams must submit a Control Award submission form to be considered for the award.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q7. A Portfolio is required for all awards.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q8. A team may be mentioned more than once as finalists for team judged awards.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q9. Not every team is eligible to win the Inspire Award at an event that they attend, and the Judge Advisor will have this information.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q10. Teams may have all of their coaches, mentors and team parents with them during their Structured Interview session.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q11. Judges can give a team a Judges' Choice award for any reason that they want.**
- A. True
  - B. False

- Q12. When evaluating teams against the award criteria, Judges should: (Select all that apply)**
- A. consider information that is in the team's Portfolio.
  - B. look for independent sources of information including searching on the internet to validate a team's claims.
  - C. consider information that was shared during the Structured Interview.
  - D. give consideration to additional information that the team presents during their pit interview.
- Q13. If a Judge has any questions during the event where they are volunteering, they should ask the Judge Advisor.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q14. A Judge works independently to determine which team will win a specific award.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q15. During the Structured Interview, one Judge should be reading the team's Portfolio so that they can ask specific questions about it while the team is still present.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q16. It is never a good idea for Judges to take photos during the Structured Interview.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q17. It is considered poor sportsmanship for any team member not to stand and be ready to answer questions when a Judge panel visits them in their pit area.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q18. If Judges need additional time to ask questions during the Structured Interview time, one Judge should inform the Judge Advisor and the other Judge(s) should continue to ask questions.**
- A. True
  - B. False

- Q19. Judges must only consider the written criteria when evaluating a team for a specific award. If multiple teams meet all of the required criteria, then they should look at the encouraged criteria.**
- A. True
  - B. False
- Q20. *FIRST* Tech Challenge allows teams to use Artificial Intelligence tools in the creation of their Portfolio.**
- A. True
  - B. False

## Answer Key

Question	Correct Response	Explanation	Rule/Reference
Q1	C	Teams all receive the same amount of time for their Structured Interview.	<a href="#">A206</a> , <a href="#">A207</a>
Q2	A	Inspire teams rank highly in the Team Attribute category, a Machine, Creativity, and Innovation category, and the Think category. A team's game performance including rank is not a consideration.	<a href="#">Section 6.1</a>
Q3	A, B, C, E	Conflict of Interest is both about your own inability to be objective and the perception of others.	<a href="#">Judge Manual</a>
Q4	C	Only the first 15 pages of the Portfolio (not including the cover sheet) can be considered.	<a href="#">A201</a>
Q5	A	Teams are expected to know and use the defined Outreach Terms and Definitions when describing their outreach and Judges should also reference the same terminology.	<a href="#">Section 6.1.4</a>
Q6	B	The Control Award content is included in the 15 page Portfolio and a separate submission form is not accepted.	<a href="#">Section 6.3.7</a>
Q7	B	The Portfolio is required only for the Think, the Control, and the Inspire Award	<a href="#">Section 6.3.1</a> , <a href="#">6.3.2</a> , and <a href="#">6.3.7</a>
Q8	B	Teams may only receive one mention for judged awards in the ceremonies. The intent of this is to celebrate as many teams as possible for their season accomplishments.	<a href="#">A215</a>
Q9	A	There are a couple of reasons why a team is not eligible to win the Inspire Award at a specific event, and the Judge Advisor will have this information	<a href="#">A213</a> , <a href="#">A214</a>
Q10	B	Teams may bring a silent observer and/or a translator with them to their Structured Interview. These individuals can be adults.	<a href="#">A208</a> , <a href="#">A209</a>
Q11	B	The Judges' Choice is designed to celebrate team attributes that are exceptional but not covered by any other award.	<a href="#">Section 6.3.9</a>
Q12	A, C, D	Judges may not consider information that was not Discussed, Displayed, Documented, or Demonstrated at the event.	<a href="#">Quick Start Guide</a>

Q13	A	Judges report to the Judge Advisor. If the Judge Advisor does not know how to answer they have resources such as the Event Director and <i>FIRST</i> support to get the answer.	<a href="#">Judge Manual</a>
Q14	B	Judges will work in teams of at least 2. Never by themselves.	<a href="#">Judge Manual</a>
Q15	B	The Judging panel must give their attention to teams during the Structured interview.	<a href="#">Quick Start Guide</a>
Q16	A	Judges must not take photographs during the Structured Interview.	<a href="#">A210</a>
Q17	B	Judges should focus on the things that teams do right and not try to penalize teams for doing something wrong. Judges should focus on getting the information needed for the award criteria. Any concerns about poor sportsmanship or Gracious Professionalism should be brought up to the Judge Advisor	<a href="#">Judge Manual</a>
Q18	B	Teams all receive the same amount of time for interviews. Judges may not extend this time unless a specifically approved accommodation.	<a href="#">A205</a>
Q19	A	Teams have a reasonable expectation to be evaluated based on the published required criteria and then the encouraged criteria. Judges may not create their own criteria or ignore published criteria.	<a href="#">Sections 6.1 and 6.3</a>
Q20	A	Teams are allowed to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Portfolios	<a href="#">A201</a>