Competition Overview

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BESTING ENGINEERING SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY





Competition Overview

- Hub Level Competition
 - Held in local community/geographic area
 - Hubs follow the same rules, schedule & kit materials
 - One to Two-day event
 - Teams advance to a Regional Championship based on Hub performance
 - Regional Championship
 - Competition between winners of Hub Level competitions
 - Two to Three-day event



Hubs





Competition Characteristics



Common Characteristics

- No registration fees or equipment (kit) costs
- Open to Middle or High Schools
- Public, Private, Charter, K12 and Homeschools
- Consistent and Educational
 - Same rules, same kit, same schedule
 - Emulates real-world product development
 - Design to Cost, Design to Function, Time to Market
 - Help solve an industry or global problem

- One team per school
- No limits on team size, student age
- All teams compete against one another





Competition Schedule



6-week Hub competition

Competition Formats



We've created Classroom and Online options to expand our BEST Robotics program while making it safe and accessible for students during these uncertain times.

BEST Classic 2021	BEST Classroom 2021	BEST Online 2021
Go Head to Head vs Other Robots	It's BEST Robotics On-Location	3D Virtual Field - Virtual Robot
 Standard Multi-team Format Same Legacy Competition BEST Award & Head to Head 	 Hub Provided Field Kit BEST Award & Robot Time Trials Streaming from the Classroom 	 Online Skills Challenges Driver Controlled & Autonomous BEST Award & Virtual Robot Time Trials Instant Replay Highlight Videos

BEST Events



- Kickoff Day
 - Unveiling of game, rules and judging schedule
 - Distribution of Kits
- Practice Day
 - At least one practice day on the game field
- Game Day (1-2 days)
 - Head-to-head competition & BEST Award judging
- Championship (2-3 days)
 - Top teams in head-to-head and BEST Award advance
 - Game Day among championship teams

Typically Weekend Events



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Emphasis is on a complete Product Development



There are many design disciplines involved in a successful product development.





Product Development Disciplines





Product Development Disciplines

BEST emphasizes each of these design disciplines during the competition



Product Development Disciplines



Head-to-Head Competition



- New educational theme/challenge and game field each year
- Challenge and field kept secret until Kickoff Day "unveiling"
- Playing field is typically 24' x 24' configuration
- Points awarded for successful completion of tasks
- 4 teams compete in 3-minute matches
- Progression
 - Round robin seeding phase (6-8 matches per team)
 - Wildcard phase (best remaining notebook scores)
 - Semifinals phase (8 or 16 teams)
 - Finals phase (4 teams)



Judged Activities



• Teams compete in the following required categories

- Engineering Notebook
- Marketing Presentation
- Team Exhibit
- Spirit and Sportsmanship
- Robot Performance
- The BEST Award
 - Best overall score in all 5 categories



- Additional Design Awards
 - Most Robust Design
 - Creative Design
 - Simulink Design Award

The BEST Award



- The BEST Award is the "Top Award" in the competition
- Presented to the top 3 teams that best embody the concept of Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology through:
 - Teamwork
 - Diversity of Participation
 - Sportsmanship
 - Positive Attitude and Enthusiasm
 - School/ Community Involvement
 - Creativity
 - Application of the Engineering Design Process



Unique Skills Challenges



Minecraft Challenge



BESTMania IQ Challenge



Video Design Challenge



Website Design Challenge



Engineering Drawings Challenge



Robot Modeling Challenge





Industry Design Tools Available



Robotics "Kit" is Provided



- Returnables Kit
 - Loaned to the school for the duration of the competition
 - Electronics equipment used to power the robot
 - Microcontroller, motors, servos, batteries, sensors, wiring, etc.
- Consumables Kit
 - Expendable raw materials provided to the school
 - Materials used for construction of the robot structure
 - Plywood, PVC, metals, hardware, fasteners, miscellaneous

Basic Design Constraints



- Teams may only use the materials and quantities provided in the KIT!
- Only two team custom parts may be used
- Final robot must be no larger than 24" x 24" x 24"
- Final robot must weigh no more than 24 lbs.
- Parts, size, weight, and methods are verified prior to Game Day

Student Expectations



- Engineering Design Process
- Design & Construction
- Programming
- Driver-controlled and Autonomous Performance
- Documenting the design
- Marketing the design
- Publicizing BEST Robotics, the team, and the design

Annual Training



- Workshops and Webinars on various topics
- Technical and non-Technical training
- Students, Teachers, and Mentors
- BEST Training Calendar
- BEST Education Courses



BEST National Registry

https://registry.bestrobotics.org

- Team Registration
- Participant Registration
- Competition Management
- Team Management & Access
- National Demographics, Surveys

	STUDENT	GENDER	PREVIOUS PARTICIPANT	GRADE LEVEL	PERMISSION	POST SEASON SURVEY	ATTENDING GAMEDAY	WORKFLOW ACCESS	/
• •	Brown, Jim	Μ	No	8TH	~	v		None	~
• •	Rocket, Johnny	Μ	Yes	12TH	~	¥		Full Act	*
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••	Young, Jenny	F	Yes	9TH	~	*		View O	~
• •	Young, Valerie	F	Yes	11TH	~	×		None	~





What Next?



- Become a Sponsor
- Register a Team
- Mentor a Team
- Volunteer
- Find an Event

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