

Congratulations to teams advancing to an Illinois state championship tournament! There will be a few important changes to be aware of regarding judging at the Illinois Championship tournaments for the Into Orbit season.

1. A core values poster is **REQUIRED** at all Illinois Championship tournaments for the Into Orbit season. Instructions regarding the size specifications and arrangement of the poster are included here:<https://www.firstillinoisrobotics.org/assets/media/fll/Core%20Values%20Poster%20-%20Instructions%20for%20Teams%20PILOT%20-%20fillable%20box.pdf>. Please note that since Illinois is part of a pilot testing a new core values rubric, the information for the poster is different than what is described in the Into Orbit challenge document. Core Values posters should be displayed in the team pit area when teams are not in judging sessions.
2. During Core Values judging, after teams enter the judging area, they will be given 2 minutes to present information on the core values poster to the judges. Teams will **NOT** be asked to complete a teamwork activity during Core Values judging. The remainder of the Core Values judging time will be for Q&A.
3. There will **NOT** be a robot competition table present for the robot design judging session. Teams will not be asked to run their missions for judges during Robot Design judging but will have 4 minutes to explain their robot design, programming and strategy to the judges. The remainder of the judging time will be for Q&A.
4. There will **NOT** be any callbacks for Robot Design at Illinois Championship Tournaments for the Into Orbit Season. Judges may approach teams later in the day in the competition or pit areas if they have additional questions regarding the team's robot. For this reason, Robot Design judges in the judging rooms will be instructed **NOT** to hold on to any robot design materials brought into the judging session. After judging sessions, teams should keep any robot design materials in their pit area in case judges have questions later in the day.
5. For project, judges will be instructed to start a 5 minute timer once the first person enters the judging room. The team will have 5 minutes from that moment to set up and complete their presentation to the judges. If coaches or family members wish to enter to observe the team, they should enter quietly, after the team has entered.

If you have any questions regarding judging at the championship tournaments, please contact me at kblais@firstillinoisrobotics.org

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