



Georgia BEST

2005 Awards and Judging Policies (Appendix)

A-1. Awards Supplement

In addition to the mandatory awards provided by all BEST hubs, Georgia BEST also provides awards in the following categories:

Most Elegant

Awarded to the team that creates an effective design that is impressively simple in its execution

Most Photogenic

Awarded to the team that crafts a well-constructed robot that is particularly “eye-catching” in its appearance--both in terms of the fit and trim of external components and the appeal presented by any aesthetic embellishments

Best Project Notebook

Awarded to the team that attains the best score in Category I of the BEST Award Guidelines

Best Oral Presentation

Awarded to the team that attains the best score in Category II of the BEST Award Guidelines (open to BEST Award competitors only)

Best Table Display and Interviews

Awarded to the team that attains the best score in Category III of the BEST Award Guidelines (open to BEST Award competitors only)

Best Spirit and Sportsmanship

Awarded to the team that attains the best score in Category IV of the BEST Award Guidelines

Best T-Shirt

Awarded to the team that has the most creative game-theme oriented T-shirt worn by team members during the competition. **To compete for this award, a team must submit a sample T-shirt during Team Check-in on Game Day.** Shirts thus submitted will be returned during Team Check-out.

Best Web Site

Awarded to the team that creates the BEST-oriented team web site that is judged to be the most effective as a promotional and recruitment-oriented tool. **To compete for this award, a team must submit its home page URL to the Head Judge (via e-mail to bjenkins@spsu.edu); URLs must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 19.** Web site judging will be conducted at various times after this deadline; web sites should remain active until the

end of the competition (at a minimum). Teams are strongly encouraged to keep their sites active throughout the year as a promotional and recruitment tool for their team (and for BEST). Links to team websites will be added to the Georgia BEST website shortly after Game Day.

A-2. BEST Award Guidelines Supplement

Because hubs such as Georgia BEST operate with a variety of resources, specific requirements of the BEST Award will vary between hubs. This document contains the supplemental requirements set forth by your hub. Keep these in mind as you prepare for your hub's BEST Award competition. Should your team advance to the regional BEST Award competition, be aware that slight changes in your award notebook, presentation, and table display may be required.

Teams that compete for the BEST Award will be ranked using scores which are computed as follows:

Judging Category	Point Value
Project Summary Notebook	30 points
Oral Presentation	25 points
Table Display and Interviews	25 points
Spirit and Sportsmanship	15 points
Robot Performance	5 points
<i>Total</i>	<i>100 points</i>

NOTE: Teams that decide not to compete for the BEST Award are still fully eligible to compete for the Robot Performance Awards on Game Day. Participation in the BEST Award competition is encouraged, but it is not required. All teams, however, are required to prepare a Project Summary Notebook.

Eligibility

Teams must provide notice of intent to compete for the BEST Award to the Head Judge (via e-mail to bjenkins@spsu.edu) **by 5:00 pm on Friday, September 23** (please include "BEST Award" in the subject line of your message). **Teams must also confirm their participation in the BEST Award competition** (via response to a subsequent e-mail from the Head Judge) **by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 18**. Every effort will be made to accommodate all interested teams in the BEST Award Competition, but judging resources on Game Day may be inadequate to support a team that fails to comply with one or both of these deadlines.

Category I: Project Summary Notebook

Guidelines

- **Notebooks must be received by the Head Judge no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, October 18.** Please note that this is a firm deadline—notebook judging will commence shortly thereafter. Limited availability of judges will most likely preclude judging of late submissions. Please! Submit your notebook before the deadline!

- Notebooks may be shipped via common carrier, or they may be delivered by a person designated by the team. Please allow an extra day for shipments via common-carrier to transit the campus mail system. Shipments via common-carrier should be addressed to:

Professor Brent Jenkins
ECET Department, Room G136
Southern Polytechnic State University
1100 South Marietta Parkway
Marietta, GA 30060

Category II: Oral Presentation

- Time slots and room assignments will be provided to BEST Award teams during Team Check-in on Game Day.

Guidelines

- A multimedia computer (CD-ROM drive, PowerPoint 2000 or higher), a multimedia projector, external speakers, a laser pointer, and an outlet strip will be available in each of the presentation rooms. Teams may provide additional or alternate equipment, or they may inquire about the availability of additional resources to be supplied by the hub. Georgia BEST will make every effort to accommodate special requests for presentation resources given adequate lead time; inquiries should be directed to the Head Judge (via e mail to bjenkins@spsu.edu) at least one week in advance. Do not assume that Georgia BEST will be able to accommodate your request until you receive written confirmation to that effect.

Time Breakdown

- The location of the Oral Presentations check-in station will be provided during Team Check-in on Game Day.
- Teams should check in 15 minutes prior to their time slot.
- The order and breakdown for the 25-minute presentation time period is as follows:
 - *5 minutes:* Set-up
 - *12 minutes:* Presentation
 - *5 minutes:* Q&A with judges
 - *3 minutes:* Break-down and clear room

Note: Teams not requiring set-up or break-down time may utilize that time for their presentation (for a total presentation time of up to 20 minutes).

- Five minutes will be scheduled between presentation sessions to allow judges time to confer without the team present.

Category III: Table Displays and Interviews

Guidelines

- Each team will be provided with a table that is about 8' long and 3' wide. (Please note that the tables provided at the South's BEST Regional Competition are about 6' long and 29" wide.)
- Maximum allowed floor space for table displays will be 10' wide by 8' deep. Displays should be designed for viewing and/or spectator entry from the front (10') side.
- Maximum allowed height for table displays will be 10'.
- Table assignments will be provided during Team Check-in on Game Day.
- **Table display setup must be completed prior to the start of the Table Display judging period** as specified by the Game Day Schedule.
- **Table displays must be manned by one or more student representatives** throughout the Table Display judging period.
- Teams should expect to be visited by three different judges during this period.

Category IV: Spirit and Sportsmanship (15 Points)

- Teams should encourage their supporters to sit together and clearly identify their affiliation through some appropriate means (e.g., by wearing team T-shirts).
- Team supporters are encouraged to cheer for their team using techniques that are generally acceptable at other sporting events; Georgia BEST does, however, reserve the right to restrict the usage of noise-makers that are deemed to be objectionable by its staff.

BEST Award Recognition

- Ties will be allowed only after detailed review by the judges. In the event that two or more BEST Award competitors retain an identical overall score at the completion of this review, the scores from one or more of the five scoring categories will be compared in an effort to break the tie. These scoring categories will be reviewed in the following order (until the tie is broken): Spirit and Sportsmanship, Table Display and Interviews, Project Summary Notebook, Oral Presentations, and Robot Performance.

A-3. Eligibility for the South's BEST Regional Competition

The South's BEST Regional Competition will be held at Auburn University on November 4th and 5th. Teams can qualify for South's BEST on the basis of their BEST Award ranking, their Game Performance ranking, or both. Georgia BEST will use the following advancement priorities to determine which teams advance to South's BEST:

Attainment	Advancement Priority
First Place BEST Award Winner	1 st
First Place Game Winner	2 nd
Second Place BEST Award Winner	3 rd
Second Place Game Winner	4 th
Third Place BEST Award Winner	5 th
Third Place Game Winner	6 th
Fourth Place Game Winner	7 th
Fifth Place Game Winner	8 th
Fourth Place BEST Award Winner	9 th
Fifth Place BEST Award Winner	10 th
Sixth Place BEST Award Winner	11 th
Sixth Place Game Winner	12 th

Teams that qualify for advancement based on both their BEST Award rank and their Game Performance rank count only once as far as advancement to South's BEST is concerned; If, for instance, Georgia BEST is authorized to advance six teams, the above priority list will be followed until six distinct teams have been selected. The actual number of advancing teams will be announced shortly after the hub receives this information from South's BEST (after Kick-off Day and before Game Day). Regardless of the actual number of teams involved, the above priority list will be used to select the advancing teams.

All teams that advance are eligible to participate in the Games at South's BEST, but only advancing teams that competed for the BEST Award at their local hub (e.g., Georgia BEST) are eligible to compete for the BEST Award at South's BEST. See the third paragraph of Section III for more information.

A-4. Summary of Awards and Judging Deadlines

	Type	Compliance	Deadline
<i>BEST Award: Intent to Participate</i> [*]	Notification	E-mail	5:00 pm, September 23
<i>Project Summary Notebook</i>	Submission	Ship or Deliver	5:00 pm, October 18
<i>BEST Award: Confirmation of Participation</i> [*]	Notification	E-mail	5:00 pm, October 18
<i>Best Web Site Participation</i>	Notification	E-mail	5:00 pm, October 19
<i>Best T-Shirt Participation</i>	Submission	Deliver	Check-in, October 22
<i>Table Display</i> [*]	Readiness	Setup	Start of Judging, Oct. 22

^{*} BEST Award competitors only

All notifications or submissions via e-mail to the Head Judge will be acknowledged via e-mail. If your message is not acknowledged in a timely fashion, please resend the message.