

2023 - 2024 Alliance Selection Script

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Alliance Selection is an important part of the FIRST® Tech Challenge event for both teams and the audience and should be presented with as much energy, enthusiasm and professionalism as possible.

Speaker	Dialogue	Blocking Notes
Emcee	<p>WOW what a great day of qualification matches so far!</p> <p>It's now time to move onto the elimination portion of the competition! But first we have to create four alliances that will compete to become the CENTERSTAGE presented by RTX Champions, here at [Insert name of Event].</p> <p>With [Insert number of teams] competing today, we will have one selection round, resulting in four alliances of two teams each.</p> <p>With [Insert number of teams] competing today, we will have two selection rounds, resulting in four alliances of three teams each.</p>	<p><i>The Emcee runs the alliance selection in the same area as the playing fields.</i></p> <p>*If <u>20 or less teams</u>, use this line</p> <p>*If <u>21 or more teams</u>, use this line</p>
Emcee	<p>Here is how we select alliances:</p> <p>First, we will create four alliances with the first pick going to the team with the highest ranking from the qualification matches. After the number one seed makes their selection, the next highest ranked and unpicked team will then make their selection.</p> <p>We continue this process until we have four complete alliances, each alliance made up of three teams. The student representative from the highest ranked team on an alliance is that alliance's captain.</p> <p>After an alliance captain extends an invitation to join their alliance, one representative from the invited team will come up and either accept or decline the invitation.</p>	
Emcee	<p>There is only one rule during alliance selection. If a team declines an invitation to become an alliance partner, that team may not be invited by any other alliance. The declining team does not, however, lose their right to select if they become an alliance captain.</p>	

	<p>For example: if the number one ranked team picks the number two ranked team and they decline, team two keeps their right to be an alliance captain and team one will need to extend the invitation to another team. If team two accepts the invitation, then all the other alliance captains would move up and the fifth highest ranked team becomes a final alliance captain.</p> <p>Throughout the day, teams have been scouting each other to evaluate strengths, weaknesses and possible strategies in the elimination rounds. This is where we see the 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 tournament with.</p>	
Emcee	Once we have four complete alliances, we will begin the elimination matches, which are played best two out of three, with the winner advancing in each round.	Emcee applauds. Volunteers file onto the stage, line up at the back.
Emcee	<p>In the first match, alliance one will compete against alliance four, and alliance two against alliance three. The winners of that match will meet in the finals, where a CENTERSTAGE Champion will be crowned!</p> <p>Remember, the captain of the winning alliance* receives an invitation to [Insert next level of Tournament play]</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>*Sometimes, this is not the case. Check with your Tournament Director if you have questions about which teams will advance from your tournament.</i></p> <p>Qualifying Tournaments and League Championships advance to the State or Regional Championship, Championship Tournaments advance to World Championship in Houston, TX.</p>
Emcee	Please welcome the number four seed, team # [Insert Team # and name]	Number four seed comes to the front by the Emcee
Emcee	And now please welcome the number three seed, team # [Insert Team # and name] .	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

<p>Emcee</p>	<p>Now, our number one seed will make the first pick. Which team would you like to invite to join your alliance?</p> <p><i>(If the selected team is in the top four, and they have the choice to decline, the Emcee should ask the selected team):</i></p> <p>Would you prefer to join, or form your own alliance?</p>	<p>Emcee will switch positions, making sure to be next to number one seed and ask:</p> <p><i>Teams respond with something like: "Team #xxxx would like to invite team #xxxx to be our alliance partner."</i></p> <p>At this time, the invited team representative will come to the front</p> <p><i>Teams respond with something like: "Team #xxxx would like to invite team #xxxx to be our alliance partner."</i></p>
<p>Emcee</p>	<p>Congratulations! Now we'll move down to the next alliance captain!</p> <p>Which team would you like to select to join your alliance?</p>	<p>After a student accepts, say:</p> <p>If #1 chooses Seeds 2, 3 or 4 and they accept the invite, slide the other alliance captains up and ask the 5th ranked team's student representative to join you on the field, putting them into the alliance four spot.</p> <p>Do this for any later selections as well. You should always have four alliance captain spots filled on the field before you move on to ask for the next selection.</p> <p>*If there are over 20 teams competing: After alliance captain four makes their selection, go back to alliance one and begin the process again for selection of the third team in the alliance.</p>
<p>Emcee</p>	<p>Well done. This looks to be an exciting tournament. Let's have a round of applause for all the teams competing here today. Congratulations to all for giving your best efforts in today's competition!</p> <p>Alliance captains, please stay for a moment to meet with the Head Referee to review tournament rules.</p>	<p>After you have four complete Alliances, you say:</p>

We're going to let the alliances talk strategy now and prepare for the elimination matches, which will begin at **[Insert Time]**.

The Closing and Awards Ceremony immediately follows the elimination matches, so don't go anywhere! We'll see you back here in just a bit. Thanks everyone!