Prepare for the FTC Judge's Interview

❑ Team sets a goal for the judges interview

❑ Team members list all the main points they would like the judges to know
> i.e. highlights of robot design
> what is unique about the team
> greatest accomplishment or challenge
> community outreach

❑ Designate a key point to talk about to <u>every</u> team member

❑ Determine which team member will give an introduction and which will conclude

❑ Consider visuals, *i.e. a prototype, example of a project, visual graphic to show impact of outreach*

❑ Give guidelines: every team member participates, eye contact, project voice, have fun!

❑ Each member practices their part to keep speaking time to 20 seconds or less

❑ Team rehearses all the way through without stopping. Then team members give feedback and positive suggestions to make improvements. Rehearse again. Keep presentation about 5 minutes total.

❑ Practice with someone who is not involved directly with the team but willing to listen *(i.e. custodian, teacher, neighbor)*

❑ Compliment the team, encourage their confidence, and smile because this is a lot of fun!

Note: In the real interview, the team may have the opportunity to give a prepared 5 minute presentation OR the judges may start with asking the team questions. With either format, this process will help the team answer questions with all members participating with confidence!

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Practice Questions for FTC Teams

Note: Based on the questions for our team in the past, these are questions that can be used to prepare the team for a judge's interview, presentation for family & friends, meeting with engineers, robot demo for potential sponsors, or any public event.

- What is your team's greatest accomplishment?
- What is your team most proud of?
- How did you decide on your team roles?
- How did you come to a consensus on your robot design?
- How did your mentors help you?
- How was your coach involved?
- What makes your robot unique?
- What has been your community involvement this season?
- How do you promote FIRST in your community?
- What was the biggest challenge for your team?
    - How did you overcome that?
- How have you applied the quote from Dean Kamen,
    - "What we learn is more important than what we win."
- What is your game strategy?
- Explain how each mechanism works.
- Why did you select this chassis design?
- How did your team come to a consensus on this design?
- If you knew that you would NOT win an award at a competition, would you still participate?
- How do you display Gracious Professionalism outside of FTC?