



Friendly Reminders for the Event

- Please remember that you are an **ambassador for your team**, your school and your district and they expect that you will represent yourselves with respect, pride and gracious professionalism at all times.
- Please remember that everything you say and do is a direct reflection of our team. We want to make a good first impression so please remain positive at all times. **Do not make negative comments about other teams at any time.** This includes in the washrooms, in the food line-ups... Positive talk only please. This expectation also applies to parents and visitors attending the event. You never get a second chance to make a first impression.
- **Please refrain from using any foul language at any time.**
- **Remember that not everyone has the same sense of humour** and sarcasm can be misinterpreted so please keep this in mind when joking around with teammates.
- Always wear **safety glasses** when entering the **pit area**
- **Only Drive-Team, Pit Crew & Designated Judging Presentation Team are permitted inside our team's Pit**
- **Never sit in the pits** (this is a no-no apparently...so don't do it)
- Do not let set-backs discourage you. This is meant to be a fun experience, enjoy yourselves. Network with other teams, and making new friends.
- **Remove any hats during the national anthem**
- **If a Spirit Song plays... get us and dance! Encourage others to join in.**
- **Clean up after yourselves.**
- **Be polite and courteous at all times.** Open doors for others, offer to assist other teams, say please and thank you... We will also be volunteering to help out with any event details necessary (I think teams will be asked to sign-up to man safety glasses table)

Awards Ceremony Etiquette

- Pits are closed during the awards ceremony so **all members must be seated together in the stands** during the ceremony.
- **During the awards ceremony please remove all layers of clothing that cover our team t-shirts (no hoodies, jackets...)** we want to have a strong visible look of team unity in the stands and on the field should we be so fortunate as to receive an award.
- When each team award is announced, **please rise and applaud for the duration of the time it takes for the entire team to reach the field and give high fives to the judges.** Remain standing and clapping until the entire team has received the awards.
- Be cautious not to react when presenters are reading the descriptions of award-winning teams.... **Don't react too soon** as the descriptions of the teams may be misleading. Stay calm and react **AFTER** the winning team's name is announced. We need to be gracious even if we do not win any awards. Be pleased for whoever the winners are and they were deemed most-worthy of the distinction by the judges.
- **If our team wins an award... the mentors will rise and stand in the isle of the stands to high-five each team member as they pass by on the way down to the field where they will high-five the judges as they cross in a single file. Mentors will follow the team at the end of the line.**