



FLL Regional Championship – January 31, 2015

Champions Awards

Teams receive other awards for being best in a particular award category. This most prestigious award goes to the team who, in the big picture, is the strongest in all of the categories combined.

The Champion's Award recipient is the total package – the embodiment of the *FIRST* LEGO League vision, encompassing Robot Design, Robot Performance, Project, and Core Values.

This award recognizes teams that fully embrace our Core Values while achieving excellence and innovation in both the Robot Game and Project. The FLL experience is more than building robots or attending competitions. It begins with the robot, but most importantly, it is defined by how the children unite to form a team. The program impacts each of them as individuals and as team members.

The Champion's Award celebrates the ultimate success of the *FIRST* mission and FLL Core Values. It measures how the children inspire others about the accessibility and excitement of science, technology, and engineering while demonstrating respect, encouragement, and continued Gracious Professionalism. The receiving teams are given the honor of serving as valued role models for *FIRST* and the *FIRST* LEGO League Program.

Award	Citation	Team
Champion's 1st place	Certain themes appear in lots of team's names. Lots of teams are named after different animals. But, sometimes two critters are better than one.	4048 Rhinosasauruses
Champion's 2nd place	This team set the judges' hearts glowing. They flew above the rest and then finally reached radioactive critical mass.	240 Radioactive Fireflies

Core Values Awards

The FLL Core Values are the cornerstones of the FLL program. They are among the fundamental elements that distinguish FLL from other programs of its kind. FIRST LEGO League presents these awards to those teams that best demonstrate extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit, inspiration, exceptional partnership, utmost respect to teammates, and support and encouragement of fellow teams.

<i>Award</i>	<i>Citation</i>	<i>Team Name</i>
<i>The <u>Inspiration</u></i> This award celebrates a team that is empowered by their FLL experience and displays extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit.	This team worked as a team in discovery and integration. Their team spirit is super positive. They came in with a real "mic" experience.	146 Atomic Flying Pickles
The <i><u>Teamwork</u></i> award recognizes a team that is able to accomplish more together than they could as individuals through shared goals, strong communication, effective problem solving and excellent time management.	This team really smoked the competition, working together like a bunch of happy campers to see everyone's ideas. They really stuck with their team, and always came back for s'more!	8143 Flaming Marshmallows
<i>The <u>Gracious Professionalism™</u></i> award recognizes a team whose members show each other and other teams respect at all times. They recognize that both friendly competition and mutual gain are possible, on and off the playing field.	This team really did their homework and clicked with other teams. Nothing grinds their gears.	6672 Gear Guys

Robot Awards

The Robot Design judges look for team whose work stands out for innovation, mechanical design, programming, understand the design process, and . . . overall quality.

<i>Award</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Team</i>
The <i>Mechanical Design</i> award recognizes a team that designs and develops a mechanically sound robot and that is durable, efficient and highly capable of performing challenge missions.	This team's robot design created a highly efficient robot that operated multiple attachments on one motor.	7032 Cyborgs
The <i>Programming</i> award recognizes a team that utilizes outstanding programming principles, including clear, concise and reusable code that allows their robot to perform challenge missions autonomously and consistently.	Great programming starts before you drag your first block. "Pseudo" comes before "code". And, how are you going to run the right program at the right time? Some sort of menu, perhaps? But this team got it just right and could make their robotic gear run laps.	9782 Gear Girls
The <i>Innovation & Strategy</i> award recognizes a team that uses solid engineering practices and a well-developed strategy to design and build an innovative, high performing robot.	From this team's name, you can really tell the work with robots! Their matching headgear must have served as great thinking caps for their strategy! They let everyone know they're from by representing one of the state's main symbols!	8665 Zia Bots

During the Robot Game, the robot tackles missions that relate to the challenge theme and scores points for successful completion.

<i>Award</i>	<i>Description</i>		
<i>Robot Performance</i>	This award recognizes teams whose robots score the most points during the Robot Game. Teams had the chance to compete in three 2.5-minute matches and their highest score counts.		
	<i>Place</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Team</i>
	1 st	285	12861 Rockin' Robots
	2 nd	226	7032 Cyborgs

Project Awards

The purpose of the Project is to show that individuals can make a difference by researching a problem, then contributing ideas and solutions to real-world issues. Conclusions and solutions are the result of working hard to understand the magnitude the magnitude of a problem through research and hands-on learning experience.

<i>Award</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Team</i>
The <i>Research</i> award recognizes a team that utilizes diverse resources to formulate an in-depth and comprehensive understanding of the problem they have identified.	This team had a diverse group of students. They found a way to improve learning in the classroom. They slap their competitors away with their research skills.	12625 Hightech Hillrise
The <i>Innovative Solution</i> award recognizes a team's solution that is exceptionally well considered and creative, with good potential to solve the problem researched.	This team comprehended an innovative solution to its problem by reading between the lines. You can tell at a glance - their solution was magic.	3365 FFEC Programming Wizards
The <i>Presentation</i> award recognizes a team that effectively communicates the problem they have identified and their proposed solution to both the judges and other potential supporters.	This team showed us that there's an app for that. Their idea struck the right tone with the judges. They showed us that anyone can learn to play that funky music.	5205 Funky Sock Bots

Judges' Awards

During the course of competition the judges may encounter teams whose unique efforts, performance or dynamics merit recognition. Some teams have a story that sets them apart in a noteworthy way. Sometimes a team is so close to winning an award that the judges choose to give special recognition to the team. Judges Awards allow the freedom to recognize remarkable teams that stand out for reasons other than the Core Award categories.

<i>Award</i>	<i>Rationale</i>	<i>Team</i>
<u>Outside Community Award</u>	This team erupted with great success - caring for children, changing the competition before our eyes. Their outreach effort is bringing on the fire.	13419 Lava Dragons
<u>Gracious Appreciation</u>	This team is the one with the most thank you's. Thanks from the far north.	5203 Brick Force