



## COMPETITION AWARDS

### **BEST Award**

Awarded to the team that best embodies the concept of *Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology*. Winning the BEST Award is considered the highest achievement any team in the competition can accomplish.

### **Middle School Best of the BEST Award**

Awarded to the highest scoring middle school team for the overall BEST Award.

### **Robotics Competition Award**

Awarded to the teams with the highest cumulative scores in the robotics competition.

### **Middle School Top Score Award**

Awarded to the middle school team with the highest cumulative scores in the robotics competition.

### **igus Top Gun Award**

Awarded to the team with the highest scoring round during the robot competition.

### **Founders Award for Creative Design**

Awarded to the team that makes best use of the engineering process in consideration of offensive and defensive capabilities in machine design; awarded in recognition of BEST founders Steve Marum and Ted Mahler.

### **TVA Most Robust Robot**

Awarded to the team whose machine requires the least maintenance during and between matches and is generally the sturdiest machine in the competition.

### **Flexco Best Project Engineering Notebook**

Awarded for the top scoring teams for their Project Engineering Notebooks.

### **Walmart Neighborhood Market Best Marketing Presentation**

Awarded for the top scoring teams for their Oral Marketing Presentations.

### **Best Team Exhibit / Trade Show Booth and Team Interviews**

Awarded for the top scoring teams for their Team Exhibits & Interviews.

### **Best Spirit and Sportsmanship**

Awarded for the top scoring teams for showing their Spirit & Sportsmanship.

### **Most Elegant Robot**

Awarded to the team whose machine has the best design and execution - the machine that makes you say, "Wow!"

### **Most Photogenic Robot**

Awarded to the team whose machine is the most eye pleasing, fit and trim of external components and aesthetic embellishments.

**Wise Alloys Best Robot Craftsmanship**

Awarded to the team that has the most creative, original & well-constructed robot.

**Allstate Insurance – Teresa Rogers Best Teamwork Award**

Awarded to the team that works together most effectively to accomplish the various challenges they face throughout the competition.

**ATN Innovative Design Award**

Awarded to the team whose robot has the most meaningful unique design; a design that the customer would be willing to "pay" more for because of its uniqueness.

**Best Team-Wear Design (usually a T-shirt, but teams can be creative)**

Awarded to the team that has the most original game-specific team-wear design worn by team members during the contest; based on most creative use of the game theme / concept.

**Best Website Design**

Awarded to the team that most effectively uses their web site as a marketing tool for their company, to both market their robot for retail sales and to emphasize that their company is the best company from which to purchase a robot. Web site will also demonstrate mastery of web development knowledge & skills.

**Best Video Award**

Purpose: to enhance students' researching and fact-finding skills, to educate them about the game theme & to challenge their Audio / Visual creative abilities. Video will also demonstrate mastery of A / V development knowledge & skills. Students are encouraged to be creative in their entries, yet informative. The video can be staged as a short play, commercial, news broadcast, talk show, music video, documentary, etc.

**SolidWorks Best CAD Design**

Awarded to the team that has the most effective, comprehensive, complex and accurate CAD Design for their robot.

**MathWorks Best Robot Programming**

Awarded to one team in each of the 4 BEST regions (Northern Plains, Frontier Trails, Souths, Texas) that best applies the -Simulink Support Package for VEXø based on the judging criteria and robot performance in the competition.

**Best Team Exhibit / Trade Show Booth Design & Construction Award**

Awarded to the team that has the most creative, innovative & well-constructed Team Exhibit / Trade Show Booth

**Perseverance Award**

Whew! It was very hard, and not necessarily pretty, but we made it! And we sure learned a LOT!

**Best Mascot**

Awarded to the team whose Mascot inspires the most enthusiasm from the audience. The Mascot may be the school's mascot, or may be based on or the team / company name, or on the game theme / concept. The primary purpose of the Mascot is to enthuse the Team & the crowd.

**Best Costume**

Awarded to the team that has the most original costume design worn by a team member(s) at their Team Exhibit / Trade Show Booth; based on most creative use of the game theme / concept.