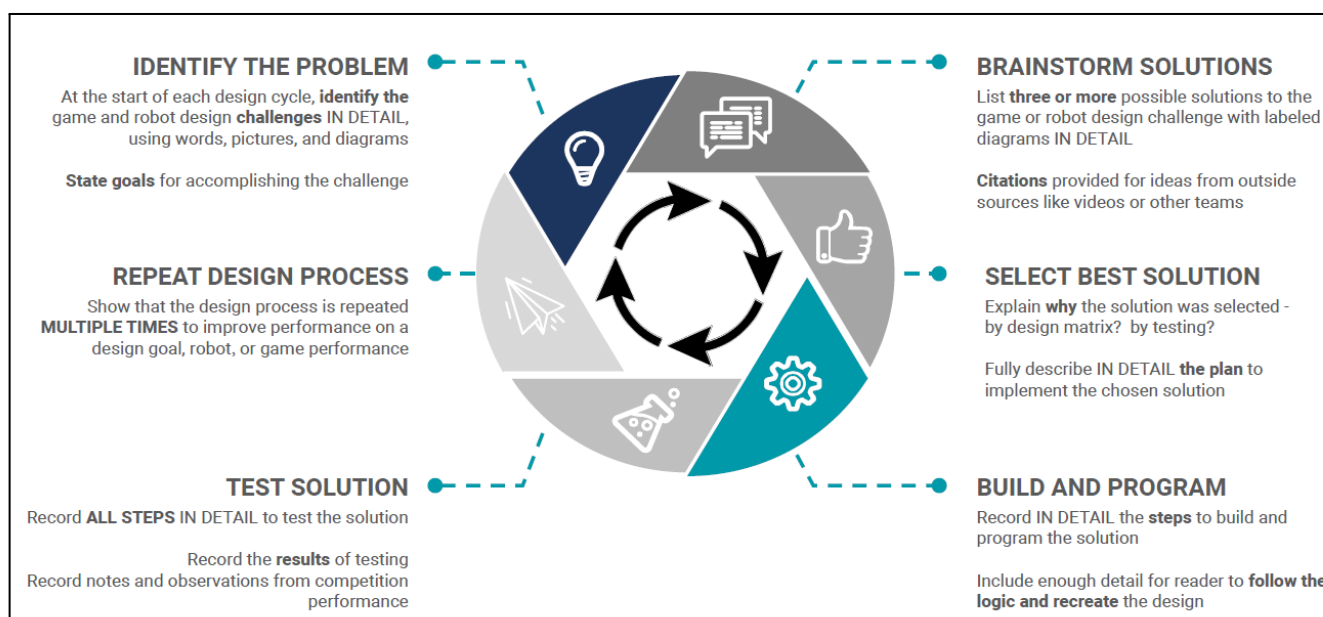


Single-Page Outline of the Judging Process

Teams are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, courtesy, and respect for other teams, volunteers, and event staff, and to follow the RECF Student-Centered Policy and Code of Conduct. All aspects of a team's work are expected to represent the skill level of the students on the team. Teams that violate these policies are not eligible for judged awards.

The judging process is focused on a team's journey through the Engineering Design Process, represented by the graphic below. It is not just about having a great robot design, but rather how the team of students has worked together to turn ideas into a working robot that sets out to achieve their goals.



The judging process at events consists of four main parts:

Part 1: Initial team interviews: judges are arranged into groups of two or more by the judge advisor and interview a set of teams. Judges ask teams open ended questions about their engineering design process and project management. Judges take notes and use these notes to recommend teams for follow-up interviews for specific awards.

Part 2: Engineering notebook evaluations: judges evaluate teams' engineering notebooks using the Engineering Notebook Rubric. A team's engineering notebook should support / corroborate with their interview and vice-versa.

Part 3: Follow-up Interviews: Teams nominated by judges based on their Initial team interview and Engineering Notebook evaluation are then interviewed again for award-specific follow-up interviews to create a ranked list of the top candidates for each award.

Part 4: Final Deliberations: Final award winners are decided through deliberations that are facilitated by the judge advisor. Teams are recognized at the conclusion of the event with an awards ceremony.