

TEAM INTERVIEW TIPS AND SAMPLE QUESTIONS

BEST PRACTICES

- Ask if the team has a few minutes for the interview. If the team has an upcoming match that may interfere with the interview, tell them you will come back at a better time.
- Try to include all team members in the interview.
- It is preferable to have the team interviews in the pit area.
- If you are having trouble finding a team, wait for them at the field for their next match.
- It is acceptable to take a picture of each team. This will help you identify teams later during deliberations.
- Ask a quick “icebreaker” question such as “That’s a really great team logo – who designed it?” “How is your team doing so far today?”
- Being a Judge gives you a unique opportunity to impact students through positive reinforcement. Just a few words of encouragement can make their day.
- Try not to ask yes or no questions. Encourage teams to elaborate on their answers.
- Be prepared to rephrase your questions. Be mindful of differences in communication styles.
- Be mindful of each student’s individual learning needs and challenges, including students who do not speak the language that you are using as their first language. Ensure that the interview process is inclusive, supportive, and respectful of these differences.
- Be aware of different age levels. Approach students in an age-appropriate way, especially when talking to younger students.
- Be attentive to students. Do not engage in side conversations/phone use during interviews.

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

Is this a good time for an Interview? Are all your team members here?

Teamwork and Leadership

- Tell us about the roles of your team members.
- How are your tasks divided among your team members?

Project Management

- How does your team manage time and resources?
- Tell me about your practice sessions.

Drone Safety and Awareness

- How do you approach Drone Safety and Awareness on your team?
- What have you learned about drone safety and how have you applied what you learned?

Teamwork Mission Strategies

- Tell us about your Teamwork Mission Strategy or what is your most effective teamwork strategy?
- What was the most difficult challenge your team has overcome?

Autonomous Flight Mission Strategies

- What did you find most challenging about programming?
- How has your code changed to address these challenges?
- What sensors/data are used in your programming process?

Piloting Skills Mission Strategies

- Who is your pilot for the piloting skills mission?
- What have you learned about drone piloting while performing this mission?

Drone and Aviation Career Connections

- Have you explored Drone or Aviation Careers or how drones are used in the community?
- If so, tell us about them.