

## **IRST** Core Values Judging and Poster

## Your Core Values judging session will have the following format:

5 minutes – Teamwork Activity: When your team enters the judging room, they will be given ashort, fun activity to do. During the activity, the judges observe how the team works together.

2 minutes (maximum) – Core Values Poster (described below): Following the teamwork activity, your team will be given up to two (2) minutes to present and describe poster content.

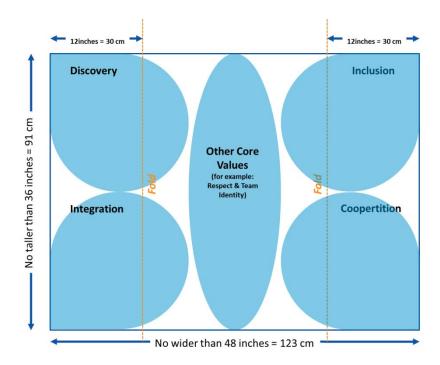
3 minutes – Questions and Answers: Time reserved for the Core Values judges to ask questions about the Teamwork Activity, the Poster and the season.

## **Core Values Poster**

To help the Core Values Judges learn more about your team and its unique story, we are requiring every team to create a simple Core Values "tri-fold" or poster. The topics highlighted on the poster are typically the most challenging for Judges to explore during judging sessions. The poster is intended to help your team consider in advance how best to present its strengths so that the Judges can consider all teams equally and have the most information possible to provide meaningful feedback. Feel free to use creativity and originality!

## Important rules and guidelines are listed below:

- 1. **Time Investment:** While your team is free to determine how much time to spend, please know that realistically for most teams it should only take a few hours from the initial brainstorming discussion to the completion of the poster. This poster is NOT intended to be on the same scale or an extension of your Project presentation. Remember the Judges are more interested in your team's story than fancy graphics.
- **2. General Layout:** The poster layout should follow the design below. The overall size of the poster should be no more than the measurements shown, and it may be smaller, especially if required for travel needs. The poster may also be rolled or assembled on site.



- **3. Defined areas:** There are four areas on the poster where specific information should be provided. These are the MOST IMPORTANT areas of the poster and should be the main focus of your work.
  - a. In the "Discovery" area of the poster, provide examples from the season about things your team discovered that were not focused on gaining an advantage in the competition or winning an award. Tell the Judges how you balanced all three parts of FIRST LEGO League (Core Values, Project and Robot Game) especially if you really wanted to focus on only one sometimes!
  - b. In the "Integration" area, provide specific examples of how your team applied Core Values and other things you learned through *FIRST* LEGO League, to situations outside of *FIRST* LEGO League. Let the Judges know how you integrated new ideas, skills and abilities into your everyday life.
  - c. In the "Inclusion" area, describe how your team listened to and considered ideas from everyone and made each team member feel like a valued part of the team. Share with the Judges how you worked together and accomplished more than you could have by working alone.
  - d. In the "Coopertition" area, describe how your team honors the spirit of friendly competition. Include on your poster information about how your team provided assistance to and/or received assistance from other teams. Share with the Judges how your team members help each other, and help other teams to prepare for a potentially stressful FIRST LEGO League competition experience.
- **4. The Middle:** The area in the middle of the poster is for your team to highlight anything else you would like to share with the Judges about the remaining Core Values criteria. Maybe consider sharing examples of Team Spirit, Respect and Teamwork. You may also include examples of how your team has fun or shares with others how amazing science, technology, engineering and math can be.