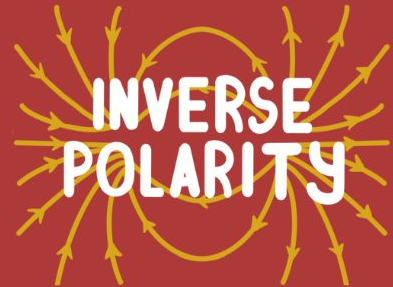


Preparing for **Blue Polo Panic** and other High Stakes Conversations

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Who am I?

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What is

Blue Polo Panic?

Blue Polo Panic



**How do I stop the
panic?**

Where Are You Currently?

- Evaluate:
 - Do you have a system in place for preparation?

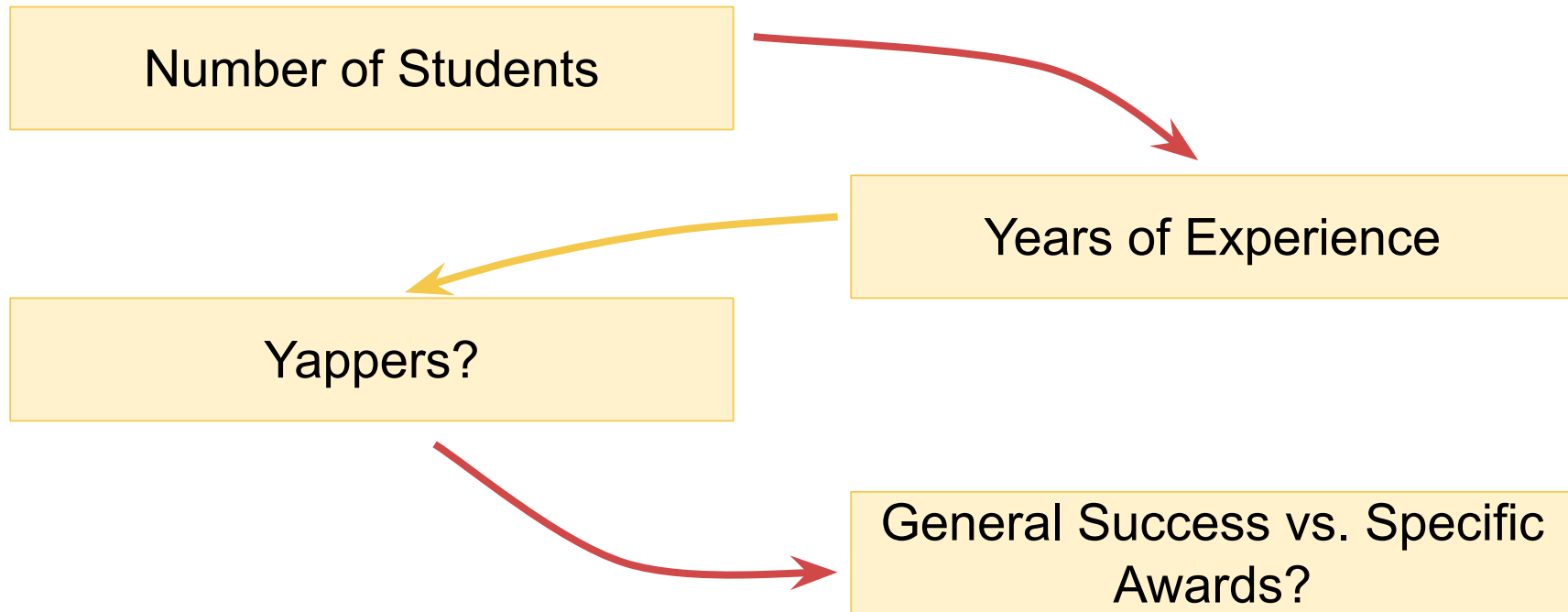


Where Do You Want To Go?

- Evaluate:
 - Season Goal?
 - Recognize recent efforts or cultural changes



One Size Does Not Fit All



The Power of An Outside Voice

- Outside mentor
- Alumni
- Parent
- Industry professional

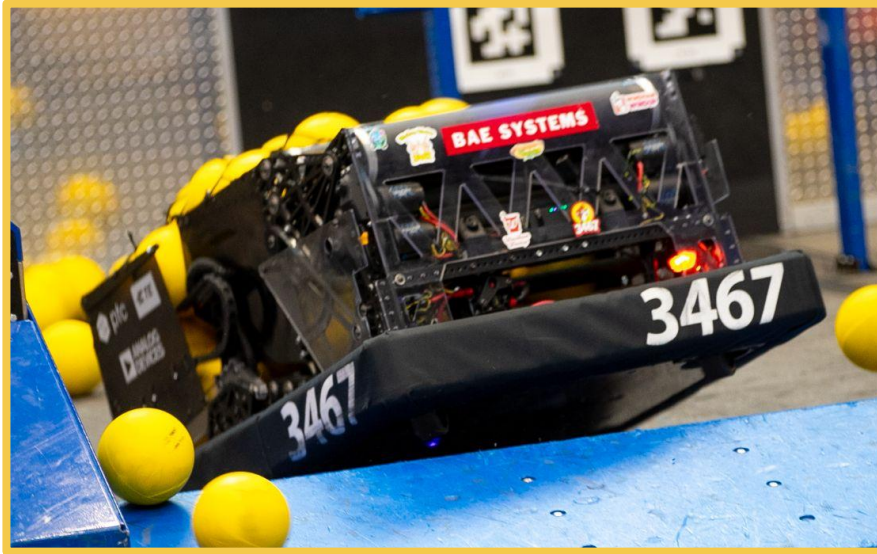


Plan To Practice Judging



Award Definition Breakdown

Technical Awards



Autonomous Award

Creativity Award

Excellence in Engineering

Industrial Design

Quality Award

Innovation in Control

Technical Awards Workshop

Establish Team Goals



Build *Evidence* via Definitions



Practice Interview



Team Attribute Awards



Team Sustainability

Gracious Professionalism

Imagery Award

Judges Award

Rising All-Star

Rookie All-Star

Team Spirit

Engineering Inspiration

Team Attribute Awards Workshop

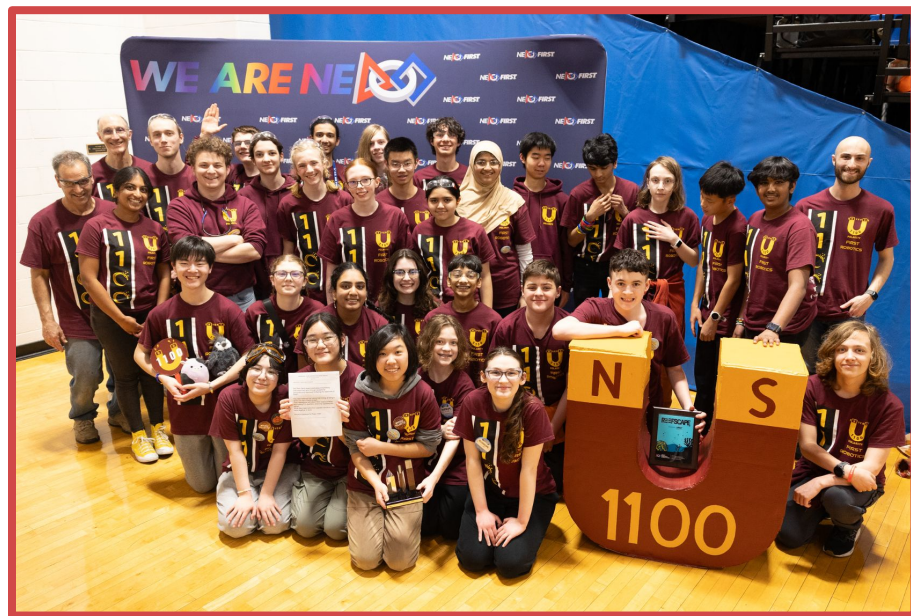
Establish Team Goals



Build *Narrative* via Definitions



Practice Interview



3... 2... 1... GO!
(Practice)

Repetition, not Memorization

It doesn't matter what you **know**,
only what you can **articulate**.

Show WHILE You Tell

- Technical Practice
- Non Technical Practice



Show WHILE You Tell



Practice How You Want To “Play”



**You have been
queued (for judges)**

Show Me the (Scouting) Data

- Community Metrics
- Robot Specs
- Math Proofs
- CAD
- Spare (or Failed) Parts



(Strategy Board) Visualization



Systems Check

- How do your students want to be supported?
 - Check in/Debrief
 - Mentor proximity
 - Hype them up!



Tips and Tricks

- Power of Pause
- “Did that answer your question?”
- Take Space, Make Space
 - “Yes, and”
- Have a question for the judges!



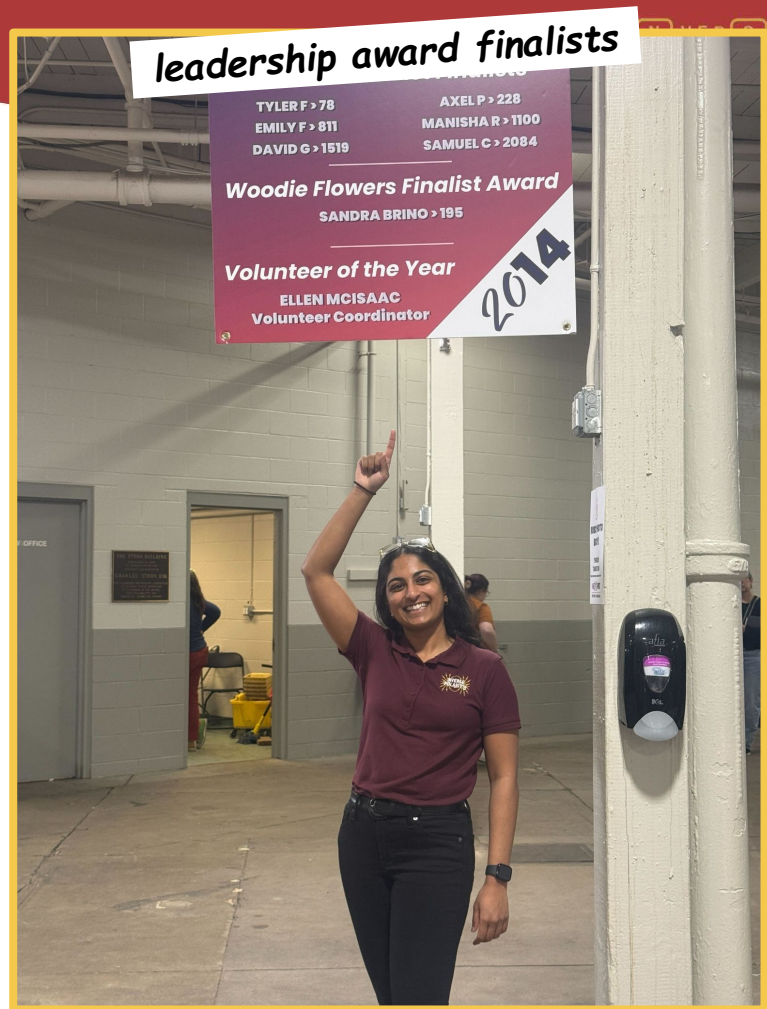
Pit Judging Debrief

- Establish Vibe Before you Dive
 - “How did that go?”
- How to Debrief
 - “Tell me everything!”
- Looking Ahead
 - Celebrate wins
 - Actionable changes



More than Robots... For Real.





QUESTIONS?

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