



## Coach Newsletter September 27, 2025

*This is being distributed to all coaches and assistant coaches currently registered for the 2025 season.*

I hope your season is going well. We have had a few questions come our way, and I think we have been able to get them addressed. So please, if you are struggling with anything, let us know. We'll try to help.

Lots of news!

The **3D Printer Challenge** has been posted. It is posted in the Annual Game Files -> 2025 Game Files -> Rules -> Sponsored National Challenges



This challenge will award winners in each of the 3 BEST Regions: Texas, Denver, and South. The prize is a [Prusa 3D Printer](#)!

If you do not have access to a 3D printer, we can help you find a solution. I know that some of our participating teams offered help in this area last year, and I am sure they would extend it this year. Also Wichita has a couple maker spaces, and WSU specifically has Innovation Project Hub that I believe will help.

**Critical Design Reviews** will be held Oct 8, 9, and 10. Time slots have been made available for sign-up on the Team Workflow. If you can't find one that fits your schedule, contact me, we might be able to do a one-off for you. Remember **these ARE mandatory**, but ARE NOT judged or scored. They are a coaching opportunity.

For teams choosing to participate in the BEST Award, sign-ups for the **Marketing Presentation** are also open. These will be online again this year (Zoom), and held on Oct 20 and 22. These presentations should be well planned, and practiced. You want to make sure your audience will be able to hear everyone speaking, and see any presentations or props you are using.

The **Simulink National Challenge** should be posted by the end of next week. Watch the same folder as the 3D Printer Challenge for that one.



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I am excited to announce that we have dates and locations for the **2025 Denver Championship**. The dates are December 6 and 7. The location is **Garvey Center, Friends University, Wichita Kansas!**

Finding venues of the size required in December is very tricky these days, and so the new Executive Director of BEST opened up the possibilities for hosting in another location. We are working to finalize the contract but they are excited to have the competition. Johannas Starks (the Exec Director) is going to bring a group of people from Texas BEST to help during the event and they will be helping us with the planning and preparations as well.

I think this is a great opportunity for all our teams. I encourage all of you to make plans to come take in some of the activities. The actual game competition will be on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>. We will need lots of volunteers to pull this off from experienced judges and referees, to helping serve all the **32** teams pizza for lunch on Sunday. So coaches, share this with your teams, parents, faculty, friends, etc. This is a chance to do a little marketing ourselves about this program and hopefully attract more teams to our hub and region.

Along with this, we have gained a hub in our region. The Oklahoma BEST hub in Oklahoma City will move into our region. We are happy to have them join us in the new Championship event, soon-to-be-formally-known-as Denver BEST (there may be a renaming competition in the works).

As for our local event on November 1, we are still in need of a photographer, and help with live streaming. Atchison did the live streaming for us for many years, and their teacher retired, so we no longer have their services. We also ask if you have any soloists or small vocal groups that would be interested in doing the National Anthem at the start of either the Nov 1 or the Dec 7 events, please contact me. It takes lots of different skills to provide these events. I want to encourage all those with an interest in helping to contact me.

Whew, that's a lot! If you have any questions – just ask! I may not have an answer immediately, but I have lots of resources and contacts at hand.

Thank you!

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