

Thank you for being a reviewer!

Reviewers play a crucial role in creating a positive, inspiring experience for *FIRST*® LEGO® League Explore teams. This program is designed for young children (ages 6–10) who are just beginning their STEM journeys.

The Reviewer Role

- **Recognize every team** – Give positive feedback on what the team accomplished, learned, and shared.
- **Create a supportive space** – Ask open-ended questions and use a gentle tone to support a low-pressure conversation.
- **Model Gracious Professionalism®** – Be kind, respectful, and inclusive in your interactions with children, coaches, and fellow reviewers.

Start here...

Before the event...

Training & Resources

If provided, attend your event's reviewer orientation or training. You should also familiarize yourself with the following documents:

- **Season Overview** – Summary of *FIRST* LEGO League Explore and the season theme.
- **Reviewing Sheet** – List of questions and criteria for the reviewing session, plus the list of awards that teams can win.
- **Reviewing Flowchart** – Order of activities and suggested timing for the reviewing session.

Tips for Interacting with Teams

- Use the **Reviewer Sheet** questions to guide your conversations or create your own age-appropriate questions to ask the teams about their work.
- Rephrase questions if children don't understand and ask the coach for help if needed.
- Be engaged and encouraging — listen actively while teams share, and if you're able, sit or crouch to connect with them at their level.
- Give equal time to each team; use the **Reviewing Flowchart** for timing.
- Spend more time on areas where the team is eager to share.
- If you finish early, ask if there's anything else they want to show or tell you.

During the event...

Most importantly...

Celebrate! *FIRST* LEGO League teams are exploring STEM through creativity, curiosity, and teamwork. Praise their progress, learning, and imagination and select the award that best fits what they share.