

# Judging

**Purpose:** The purpose of judging is to evaluate all projects and participants based on the established judging criteria from category knowledgeable and qualified adults. Judges must hold a Bachelor's degree or higher and have active knowledge in the field to judge.

**Method:** Each project will be judged by a minimum of two (2) teams and each project will be scored independently by each judge. Be sure to label each scoring sheet with the project number and your name. All scoring sheets must be returned to the Judges Registration table. Scoring will then be tallied by the BSSEF Program Office and winners announced at the Award ceremony. Place winners will be provided to the Best-of-Show Team for judging and selection.

**Team Approach:** Teams are developed to minimize repeat questions to participants and to encourage and promote thoroughness of the review to the judging criteria.

**Groupings:** Grouping will be comprised of at minimum three (3) topic knowledgeable people.

## Category Teams

- Purpose: Each team member will review assigned category specific projects and score projects based on provided criteria to determine first, second, and third place projects.
- Projects assigned: 10
- At minimum 1 team per category comprised of
  - One (1) Category Judge Captain
  - Two (2) Category Judges

## Specialty Teams

- Purpose: Each team member will review assigned specialty award specific projects and score projects based on provided criteria to select the project best representing the specialty award criteria.
- Projects assigned: 15
- At minimum 1 team per Specialty Award comprised of
  - One (1) Specialty Judge Captain
  - Two (2) Specialty Judges

## Best-of-Show Teams

- Purpose: To thoroughly review all category place winning projects and determine the two (2) Best-Of-Show individual projects and one (1) Best-Of-show team project.
- Projects assigned: 30 maximum
- One team comprised of ten (10) Category Judge Captains; one from each category.

**Materials:** Each judge will be provided a Judges Packet (clipboard) containing:

- Judging score sheets (Scoring is confidential and all sheets must be returned to the Judge Registration table at the appointed times or before.)
- Meal ticket
- Pen

**Times:** [Judging Schedule](#)