

## **Iowa *FIRST*® LEGO® League Qualifier Advancement Policy – 2019**

To advance from a Qualifier to an Iowa *FIRST* LEGO League Championship, Judges will select teams based on the Champion's Award criteria (see below). Each Qualifier will advance approximately 30% of teams participating at the event. All teams advancing including the Champion's Award Winner will have the opportunity to participate in the Iowa Championship event day assigned per qualifier (Saturday, January 18 or Sunday, January 19, 2020) in Ames, on the Iowa State University campus.

### **Champion's Award:**

Teams are eligible for Champion's Award if they meet the following criteria as required by *FIRST* Global Standards:

- Have 2-10 team members (note: teams of over ten participants will not be eligible for awards)
- Complete all required portions of the Innovation Project
- Have no disqualifying (red-level) Core Values behaviors
- Participate in only one official Qualifier during the season
- Perform well in all four areas of the Challenge, which are equally weighted: robot game and three judging areas (Innovation Project, Robot Design, Core Values)

### **Global Innovation Qualifier Nominee**

The Global Innovation Award (GIA) encourages teams to further develop their innovative solution. It builds upon the work teams have done for the Innovation Project. Teams must receive a nomination at the Qualifier in order to have an opportunity to submit their innovative solution for GIA consideration.

At each Iowa Qualifier event, one team will be chosen to be that event's nominee to advance to the Iowa GIA State events held simultaneously with the Iowa FLL Championships on January 18-19, 2020. Teams will be invited to showcase their innovative solution and real-world applicability to a panel of reviewers on their assigned day. The GIA reviewers will then choose two teams out of the full slate of nominated teams to advance for global review.

Note: Receiving a nomination for the GIA at a Qualifier event, does not affect a team's eligibility for other awards, nor does winning another award affect a team's eligibility to receive the nomination for GIA. The selected GIA Qualifier Nominee is not advancing to the Iowa FLL Championships, but rather an independent event held on the ISU Campus simultaneously. Iowa FLL will ensure that if a team is the GIA Qualifier Nominee and is also selected as an Advancing FLL team to the Championships, that the team will be able to participate in both events with consideration given to that team's scheduling.