



# The Core Values

The Core Values are the heart of *FIRST*® LEGO® League. By embracing the Core Values, participants learn that friendly competition and mutual gain are not separate goals, and that helping one another is the foundation of teamwork. Review the Core Values with your team and discuss them whenever they are needed.

- We are a team.
- We do the work to find solutions with guidance from our coaches and mentors.
- We know our coaches and mentors don't have all the answers; we learn together.
- We honor the spirit of friendly competition.
- What we discover is more important than what we win.
- We share our experiences with others.
- We display *Gracious Professionalism*® and *Coopertition*® in everything we do.
- We have FUN!

## The Core Values Poster

The Core Values poster is designed to help the Core Values Judges at your tournament learn more about your team and its unique story.

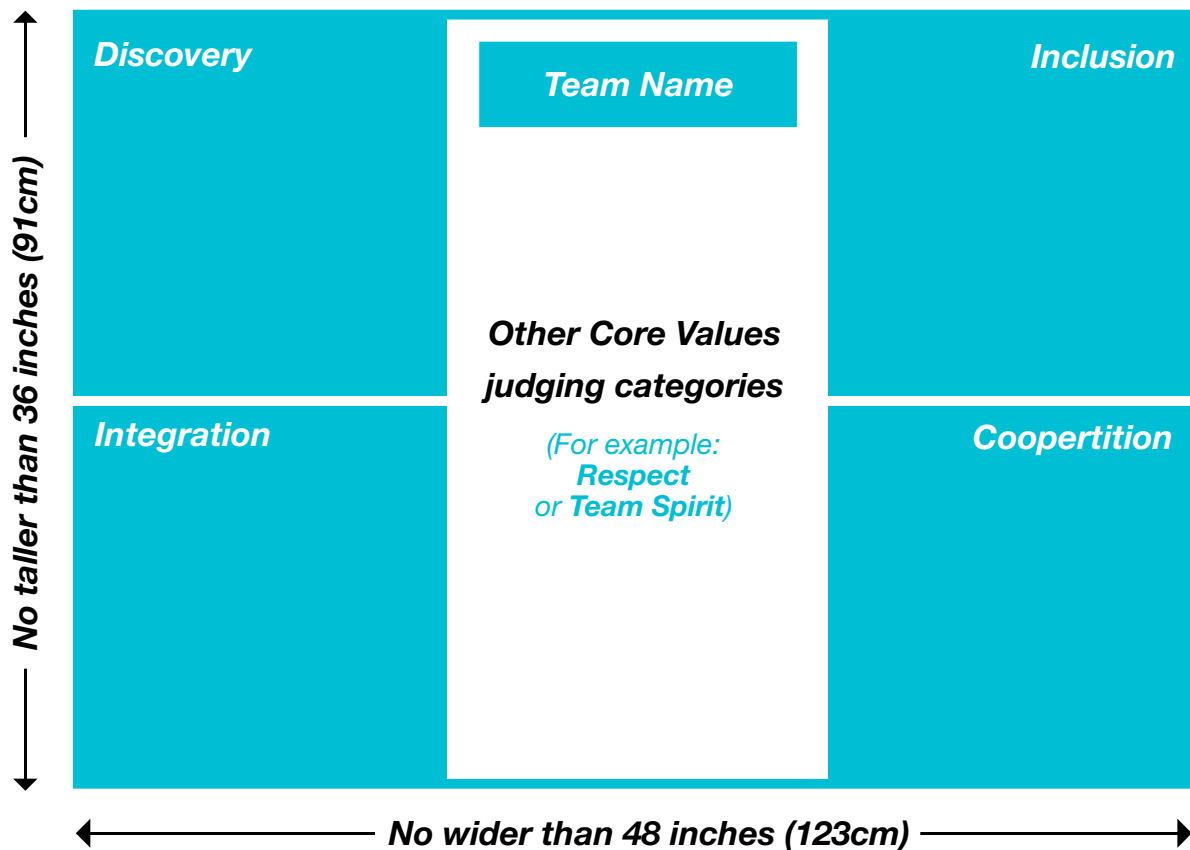
Follow these steps with your team to create a Core Values poster:

1. Discuss ways your team used the Core Values this season – both in team meetings and in other parts of life. Make a list of examples.
2. Ask your team to select examples that highlight the specific Core Values areas below. These are typically the most challenging categories for Judges to explore during judging sessions. The poster can help your team present their successes in an organized format.
  - a. **Discovery:** Provide examples from the season about things your team discovered that were not focused on gaining an advantage in the competition or winning an award. Tell the Judges how the team balanced all three parts of *FIRST* LEGO League (Core Values, Project and Robot Game), especially if they were really excited about one part.
  - b. **Integration:** Provide examples of how your team applied the Core Values and other things you learned through *FIRST* LEGO League to situations outside of team activities. Let the Judges know how team members integrated new ideas, skills and abilities into their everyday life.
  - c. **Inclusion:** Describe how your team listened to and considered ideas from everyone and made each team member feel like a valued part of the team. Share with the Judges how they accomplished more by working together than any team member could have done alone.

Some regions require all teams to prepare a Core Values poster, while others do not. Either way, the poster is a great tool to help your team think about how they implement the Core Values in team meetings and elsewhere. Check with your tournament organizer to see if your team is expected to bring a Core Values poster into the Core Values judging session.

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- d. **Coopertition:** Describe how your team honors the spirit of friendly competition. Include information about how your team provided assistance to and/or received assistance from other teams. Share with the Judges how your team members help each other, and help other teams to prepare for a potentially stressful competition experience.
  - e. **Other:** Use the middle of the poster to highlight anything else your team would like to share with the Judges about the remaining Core Values criteria. Maybe consider sharing examples of Team Spirit, Respect, or Teamwork.
3. Have your team create their Core Values poster using the format below. The overall size of the poster should be no more than the measurements shown, and it may be smaller, especially if required for travel needs. The poster may be rolled or assembled on site.



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- Find the Core Values listed in the Challenge
- Learn about what to expect from Core Values Judging and read tips from experienced Coaches in the Coaches' Handbook: [www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge](http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge)
- Your team will be assessed in the judging room using a standard rubric. Review the Core Values judging information and rubric: [www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge](http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge)
- If you are completely new, check out the *FIRST* LEGO League Resource page for videos, tips, and additional helpful rookie links: [www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge](http://www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge)