

Opening Round (Friday Morning)

Opening Round: Each team formally presents their venture plan to an esteemed panel of judges that includes venture capitalists, seasoned business executives, and experienced entrepreneurs. Presentations are followed by a hard-hitting question-and-answer session.

The Opening Round consists of five divisions made up by four/five teams. The winner from each division moves on to the Championship Round, the runner-up from each division moves to the Wildcard Round while the remaining teams square off in the Challenge Round.

Before they participate in the Wildcard Round, runner-up teams from each division have the opportunity to receive feedback from judges. All remaining teams will have an opportunity to receive their feedback after the Wildcard Round participants have spoken to the judges.

Keep in Mind

Stuart Clark Venture Challenge organizers have worked hard to assemble a diverse group of prominent local, national and international investors and business executives to hear a formal presentation from your team. It is up to your team to demonstrate its value by handling the judges' rigorous questioning and scrutiny.

Rules, Preparation & Requirements:

- Teams need to convince the investors and executives that their business plan represents a solid, viable investment opportunity.
- Until they have presented, teams and advisers are asked not to observe other Q&A sessions in their division.
- Teams will only have 5 minutes to setup their presentation.

Presentation Time: Thirty-five minutes (fifteen-minute presentation, twenty-minute Q & A session)

Tech Info

- Teams must provide their own laptop computers equipped with a standard video connection.
- Team laptops must be able to interface with a PowerPoint overhead projector.

Competition Format:

- Tradeshow and Elevator Pitch
- Opening Round
- Wildcard Round
- Challenge Round
- Championship Round