

Schedule:

9:30 to 10:30 Team Registration (one adult to turn in paperwork and get Pit Passes)

9:45 to 10:15 Coaches Meeting in Robot Games gym

10:30-11:40 Practice rounds (each team gets one practice run, if you miss your time we cannot make it up, sorry)

12:15 Opening Ceremony in Robot Games Gym

12:30 Round One of Robot Games & Judging Rounds begin, please be on time!

4:30 Playoffs!

5:45 Awards!

6:15 Goodnight, thank you and let's pack it up.

COACHES CHECK LIST, for planning ahead:

_____ Did you pay your tournament fee?

_____ Did you send in your waivers for all coaches and team members?

_____ Make or order a team flag. This will be attached to your flagpole that the team carries about for ID all day long. This flag may be 11" wide and up to 24" long, it hangs from the top edge (11" side). Make it from paper, cloth or order one with your team picture on it. Celebrate your team!

An official tournament flag may be ordered with team picture until one week prior to your tournament.

_____ Did you pre-order any Video CDs for your team?

_____ check your schedule ahead of time to coordinate lunch and breaks with parents and participants. Schedules will be posted later this week on our Google group under Files.

_____ Both the Robot Games and the Presentations are open to the public, so share your schedule with families and friends.

_____ The Pit Area is restricted to team members and 2 adults (coach, mentor, parent, you decide). The buttons are transferable, but each team only gets 2 adults at a time.

_____ **COACHES MEETING is the same day as your tournament at 9:45 in the Robot Games viewing area (gym).** At that time questions about rules and rulings may also be discussed. Coaches and mentors are welcome.

_____ Remember that advancement is based on total team performance:
25% Robot Games, 25% Technical Excellence, 25% Project Presentation & Research, 25% Teamwork.*
(*the score used for Robot Games is the best of 3 runs during normal competition, scores from the playoffs will *not* be used for this purpose)

_____ During Judging Rounds coaches and mentors will not be allowed to accompany the teams. We will have High School students to act as helpers and guides. Prepare your team for this. They will want to carry their robot and either a program printout, or their laptop with them. They should also bring their team flag.

_____ There will be some food available on campus. There will be some visiting FRC (big) robots to see and (maybe) play with.

_____ If your team wants to make buttons of their own, we will have the button machine at the tournament. You may print out anything (that's printworthy) on regular paper. The visible circle of the button is 2" diameter (total size is 2-1/4). Buttons will cost 50 cents each. They are easy and fun to make.

_____ Don't forget the ROBOT! Double check that all the programs are loaded on and that you have extra batteries, or the cord to recharge. Remember all those attachments, too.

_____ Sign your copy of the Coaches promise ahead of time. Then one adult can register the whole team. Easy.

_____ There are no computers for general team use. You must bring your own. There will only be some outlets available. We cannot guarantee that every team will have one. *Don't forget the USB cable...NO BLUETOOTH ALLOWED. Teams using bluetooth for any purpose will be asked to stop (1st warning), then asked to leave if they persist.*

_____ Costumes and props are encouraged. If the costume is not something the kids will wear all day, bring a change of t-shirt.

_____ *All Awards will be given out after the Playoffs, so plan to stay until the end.* If you are one of the top 8 scoring teams, plan to participate in the Playoffs for the Robot Games Trophy. You must participate in the Playoffs to be eligible for a 1st or 2nd place Robot Games Award.

ON TOURNAMENT DAY:

_____ Designate a place for team and family members to meet during the day.

_____ Signed coaches promise for all coaches and mentors

_____ take all your signed forms to the Registration Desk to receive your Pit Passes between 9:30-10:30am

_____ find a table that corresponds to your Pit Pass color.

_____ **don't forget the robot, presentation materials & props, programming printout or laptop, & team flag**

_____ *Please be courteous...* gracious professionalism should be practiced by all participants and observers. Model gracious professionalism.

_____ *Watch the clock.* Please be on time for your appointments for Robot Games, Judging Rounds and Presentations. *If we all keep an eye on it, our schedule will work!*

_____ Please be courteous to the Volunteers that are organizing our areas. These young folks work hard to ensure a great tournament for us all. Remember to thank them.

_____ Remind the team that the Judges are everywhere. Each team will have a scheduled interview, but other Judges roam about the tournament and may stop by for a visit. Remember your manners and gracious professionalism.

_____ Plan some time to watch other teams compete, look at the visiting robots, get a snack, make a button, etc.

_____ plan for your lunch. Lunch is officially from 11:45 to 12:15, but your schedule may allow for a different time frame. Plan it ahead of time so that the kids know what to expect. For younger teams, a bit of down time (even 15 minutes) can be very valuable during this exciting and intense day.