



TEAM INFORMATION PACKET

Louisiana *FIRST*[®] Tech Challenge Regional Championship Saturday, March 4, 2017

This packet should help guide you up to and during the event. Any updates or additions will be emailed to you between now and the date of the event.

Please read carefully and contact a Tournament Coordinator with any questions or concerns:

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Schedule

7:20	Team Check In / Pits open
7:40-10:10	Inspections, Judging, Practice
10:15	Drivers' Meeting
10:30	Opening Ceremonies
10:45-12:15	Qualifying Matches
12:15-12:45	Lunch Break
12:45-2:30	Qualifying Matches Continue
2:30	Alliance Selection
3:00-5:00	Elimination Matches
5:15	Awards and Closing Ceremonies
6:00	Pits close

Judge Interview Schedule

Time	Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3
Sat 07:40 AM	6448	8647	8897
Sat 08:00 AM	8956	8960	9223
Sat 08:20 AM	9637	9661	9768
Sat 08:40 AM	9958	10337	10465
Sat 09:00 AM	break	break	break
Sat 09:10 AM	10703	11200	11220
Sat 09:30 AM	11274	11526	11766
Sat 09:50 AM	11788		

Team List

Team	Team Name	School/Organization	City
6448	Blue Jays	Jesuit High School	New Orleans
8647	Grey Torbotics	Hammond High School	Hammond
8897	Sacred Heart Saints	Schools of the Sacred Heart	Grand Coteau
8956	Team Pyrogen	Northshore High School	Slidell
8960	Tech Titans	Brother Martin High School	New Orleans
9223	The Power-Struck Girls	Academy of Our Lady	Marrero
9637	Dream Machine	St Marys Dominican High School	New Orleans
9661	Purple Torbotics	Hammond High School	Hammond
9768	Steel Eagles	Holy Savior Menard High School	Alexandria
9958	Redfish Robotics	Redfish Robotics	Slidell
10337	Dark Matter	Mandeville Junior High School	Mandeville
10465	Patrick F. Taylor Academy High School Robotics	Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy	Avondale
10703	White Torbotics	Hammond High School	Hammond
11200	Phenomena	O. Comeaux High School	Lafayette
11220	Bayou Bots	Holy Savior Menard High School	Alexandria
11274	Knightshade	Episcopal High School	Baton Rouge
11526	Digibots	St Marys Dominican High School	New Orleans
11766	Prairieville Robotics	Prairieville Middle School	Prairieville
11788	Robo Pelicans	Port Allen High School	Port Allen

Advancement:

This is our Regional Championship. We will advance two teams to the FIRST Tech Challenge South Super Regional in Athens GA on March 23-25 (see <http://ftcsouth.org/>). The two advancers will be the Inspire Award Winner and the Winning Alliance Captain (if one team wins both, the Inspire Award 2nd Place is the second advancer). There are hotel rooms still blocked for our advancing teams to reserve.

Registration:

Proceed to the Registration Table to sign in and receive your Team Information Packet for the day. You will turn in your roster and (if needed) Consent and Release forms. Once you are registered, find your pit and move in. You may access your pit on Friday evening 6:00-8:00 PM to set up early.

Print your FTC Team Roster from your FIRST Dashboard. Any students and mentors who are not listed on your roster (those who do not have an electronic account with FIRST) must complete the Consent and Release Form. Minors must have the form signed by a parent/guardian. Students who are not listed on the roster and who do not have a completed Consent and Release will not be allowed to participate.

You can find instructions for electronic registration and a copy of the Consent and Release form here:

http://www.firstinspires.org/sites/default/files/uploads/resource_library/first-youth-team-member-paperwork-2016-2017.pdf

Pits:

Pit space is limited to the 10x10' space provided. Please be considerate of your neighbors and try to keep traffic areas clear. There should be an 8' folding table in each pit space (that may be removed if you don't want to use it).

Power should be accessible in your pit. We'll be sharing the standard wall outlets in the gym, so we'll ask you to limit your power usage to robot battery/phone chargers and computer equipment, and plan to run any lights or other pit display off your own battery power. You'll have access to one (1) plug that may be up to 50' from your pit, and you will need to supply your own cord from there.

We'll have a pit and traffic flow map available at check-in. We'll ask everyone to enter the pits through the main entrance where we'll watch for safety glasses and footwear. Drive teams *only* will move from pits to field at the back of the pits - coaches, mentors, team members, and visitors will use the main entrance to go from pits to bleachers. Please have your teams respect that.

Address any lost/found items with the Pit Admin. Valuables (purses, etc.) should probably be

kept on you or stored in your vehicles. We cannot provide extension cords or power strips. *Safety glasses and closed-toe shoes are required in the pit area for all team members and visitors.*

Practice Field:

A practice field will be available but to ensure safety for robots and team members, we will limit access using a sign-up sheet for 10-minute sessions. You may sign up for one practice time slot at a time, but open slots may be claimed first-come first-served. Please exercise your Gracious Professionalism when multiple teams are using the field, and to ensure that all who want time on the practice field have access to it.

Team Schedule:

REMEMBER to watch your schedule so that your team is prepared for and early to your Judging Session and all matches. We hope to have a queueing volunteer to remind you but it is ultimately your team's responsibility to be where it needs to be.

It is very important that all teams maintain the schedule as closely as possible to ensure a timely tournament. Refer to the judging schedule provided when you check in to see the location and time when your team should report for judging. If you are late for your judging session, the time cannot be made up.

A mentor may accompany the team into the judging session but may not contribute or communicate with the team in any way during the session. Remember to bring your robot and your Engineering Notebook to the judging session with you.

Match play and inspection:

Your Head Ref and FTA plan to be stricter with match timing - so teams will want to have their batteries charged and phones and controllers connected in queue, as they will be limited to about a minute at the field to get their control systems set for the match. Longer than that and they may sit the match out with a disabled robot or see a penalty for delay.

We will queue up a match ahead of time, so pay careful attention to your schedule and announcements. Make sure that you collect the appropriate colored flag prior to your match and return it after your match. *Student drivers and coaches must wear safety glasses in the Competition Field area, and should not bring any wireless devices with them to the field.*

We're going to be strict about a time limit for inspection. All our teams have now been through inspection so this should be easy, but please have your teams bring your robots to both inspectors as soon as possible around your judging schedule, starting at 7:40. The cutoff for robots to pass inspection will be 10:00 AM with exceptions at the discretion of the Head Ref, FTA, and Scorekeeper.

A Note from the Game Design Committee:

We are hearing reports of teams driving their robots aggressively and repeatedly

making very hard contact on the Beacons and the walls adjacent to the Beacons.

Aggressive contact that causes significant flexing of the walls or moves/dislodges a Beacon will be considered field damage and penalized according to <G15>. Teams should expect to receive warnings and may receive Major Penalties and a Yellow Card for excessive or Chronic aggressive Beacon contacts.

Partners and/or event hosts should not brace or reinforce the field walls

Food/drink:

As far as we know, the concession stand will be closed and we do not know whether the UNO student center will have anything open on Saturday, so please plan accordingly. There is a shopping center with a grocery store - drugstore - coffee shop - sandwich shop about a mile away at Franklin Ave and Leon C Simon near the Lakefront Arena.

Contact Information:

Tournament Location Information:

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