



TEAM INFORMATION PACKET

Louisiana *FIRST*[®] Tech Challenge Northshore Qualifying Tournament Saturday, January 20, 2018

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.

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

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Schedule

Time	Event
7:30 AM	Team Registration & Check In Pits Open
8:00 AM	Judge Sessions Begin Inspections Open
10:00 AM	Inspections Close Judging Sessions End
10:05 AM	Drivers Meeting
10:30 AM	Opening Ceremonies
10:45 AM	Qualifying Matches Begin
12:00 PM	Lunch Break
12:30 PM	Qualifying Matches Continue
3:00 PM	Elimination Matches
5:00 PM	Awards and Closing Ceremonies

Team List

Team Number	Team name	School/Organization	City
8897	Sacred Heart Saints	Schools of the Sacred Heart	Grand Coteau
8956	Team Pyrogen	Northshore High and Boyet Junior High	Slidell
9223	The Power-Struck Girls	Academy of Our Lady	Marrero
9637	The Dominican Indiana Janes	St. Mary's Dominican	New Orleans
9768	Steel Eagles	Holy Savior Menard	Alexandria
9958	Redfish Robotics	Community team	Slidell
10335	Team Hellion	Salmen High and St. Tammany Junior High	Slidell
10337	Dark Matter	Mandeville Junior High	Mandeville
10465	Patrick F. Taylor Academy High School Robotics	Patrick F. Taylor Academy High School	Avondale
11200	Phenomena	Ovey Comeaux High School	Lafayette
11220	Bayou Bots	Holy Savior Menard	Alexandria
11526	Dominican Valkyries	St. Mary's Dominican	New Orleans
11606	Cubs	LSU Lab School	Baton Rouge
12854	Insane Caillou Posse	Home school team	Baton Rouge
12881	Runnels Robotics	Runnels	Baton Rouge
13012	DUTCHTOWN EAGLEBOTS	Dutchtown Middle School	Geismar
13017	Event Horizon	Community team	Ponchatoula
13126	Robo Knights	MSA-West Academy	Plaquemine
13628	Green Machine	Isidore Newman School	New Orleans
13939	Equinox	Destrehan High School	Destrehan

Before the Qualifier Date:

Print your 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. The youth member registration system (formerly STIMS) has changed for this year. *FIRST* has direction on the process here:

<https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/youth-team-member-consent-and-release-form>

At this event, your team will go through Robot and Field Inspections, a Judging Session, and participate in many Robot Game Matches. Make sure that your team members are prepared for each activity.

Day of the Qualifier:

Proceed to the Registration Table in the Cafeteria to sign in and receive your schedule for the day and your drive team badges. You will turn in your roster and (if needed) Consent and Release forms. Once you are registered, find your pit. We hope to have full pit areas for each team but we cannot guarantee it so please do not plan on pit structures (pop-ups, large free-standing items). Small table-top or floor-standing displays should have space.

There is no power provided at your pit. Access to wall power for charging batteries, phones, and laptops must be shared Graciously. Charging areas will be set up for sharing. *You will need to provide your own extension cords and power strips.*

Judging Session / Game Match Reminders:

REMEMBER to watch your schedule so that your team is prepared for and early to your Judging Session and all matches. We plan to have a queuing 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.

Setup, Pit Area and Practice Area:

Team Setup & Pit Area – We need to keep clear walkways and aisles for everyone's safety, so please be mindful of where you place items on the floor. Please be aware that we are not responsible for lost or stolen items. 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 – We may not be able to provide a practice field. If one is available it may be used whenever you are not in judging or robot matches. Please exercise your Gracious Professionalism when multiple teams are using practice equipment to ensure that all who want time on the practice field have access to it.

Competition Area:

The competition area will be in the Gymnasium in a separate building. There is a covered walkway between the pit area and the gym, but you may want to bring a small cart to help transport your robot and gear.

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.*

Queries – A query box will be placed on the floor for any questions that your team has based on match calls. Queries should be presented to the Head Ref by one student from an alliance, never by mentors. Please remember to exercise Gracious Professionalism when making queries. See Tournament Rule T3 in the Game Manual.

Additional Information:

Snacks/Lunch – There will be a concession stand open to provide pizza, sandwiches, snacks, drinks, etc. Multiple fast food outlets are available a few miles away.

Tournament Location Information:

Northshore High School
100 Panther Dr
Slidell, LA 70461

From the south shore, coming across the twin span on I10, take the 190 BUS / Fremaux Ave exit (Exit 265, the third Slidell exit from the lake), and take a right at the end of the ramp. About .8 miles east, you will take a left on Panther Dr. There is a green sign just at Panther Dr - it comes up fast, but the school zone gives you some warning. If you overshoot, there are a grocery store and a dollar store on the right a couple hundred feet further down where you can turn around. Northshore is at the end of Panther Dr north of 190 E; take a right, and enter the student parking lot through the gate. Head toward the northwest corner of the parking lot between the Auditorium and the main building, and our Cafeteria and Gym are on the left. Look for the *Robots!* flag.

From the west, take I12 to I10, then take a left at the Fremaux exit to go over the highway and east on 190. From the east, take I10 as above.

Tournament Contacts:

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Coach/Team Checklist:

The following list is being provided to help make your experience a positive one and hopefully help you to organize your day. You can use the blank lined areas to list your own ideas.

- Bring your printed FIRST team roster.** For any students that you write in, bring completed Consent and Release forms.
- Bring your Engineering Notebook.**
- Bring enough safety glasses for everyone who will be in the Pit Area and the Competition Field (students, mentors, and guests).
- Bring extension cords and power strips.
- Bring a cart for easy transport of your robot from the pit to the field.
- Bring your programming laptop.
- Bring extra batteries, chargers, tools, and spare parts.
- Go to the official FIRST Tech Challenge forum for recent technical updates to the rules and competition.
- Find Northshore High using the address and Google and/or a GPS.

Fill in items as needed:

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