



TEAM INFORMATION PACKET
Louisiana *FIRST*® Tech Challenge
New Orleans Qualifying Tournament
Saturday, December 1, 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.

Packet contents:

- Overview Schedule for the Day -- team schedules will be provided at registration
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- Contact Information
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- Additional information

Please read carefully and contact the Event Coordinator with any questions or concerns:

Clark Rowley
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(985) 285-8455

Schedule

Time	Event
7:00 AM	Team Registration & Check In Opens Pits Open
8:00 AM	Judge Sessions Begin Inspections Open
10:00 AM	Judging Sessions End Inspections Close
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	City
6448	Blue Jays	New Orleans
8897	Sacred Heart Saints	Grand Coteau
8956	Team Pyrogen	Slidell
9637	Dominican Ultraviolet	New Orleans
9768	Steel Eagles	Alexandria
9958	Redfish Robotics	Slidell
11200	Phenomena	Lafayette
11220	Bayou Bots	Alexandria
11526	Dominican Valkyries	New Orleans
12965	College Track NOLA	New Orleans
13456	Enigmatic Technomancers	Marrero
13939	Equinox	Destrehan
14374	Dark Matter	Mandeville
14550	Inferno	Slidell
14726	Astrobots	Baton Rouge

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. *FIRST* has direction on the youth member registration system 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 Interview 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 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 may not have full pit areas for each team so please do not plan on having pit structures (pop-ups, large free-standing items).

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 queueing volunteer to remind you but it is ultimately your team's responsibility to be where it needs to be. Judging rooms will be marked.

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 Guidelines – 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.*

Additional Information:

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, not by mentors. Please remember to exercise Gracious Professionalism when making queries. See Tournament Rule T3 in the Game Manual.

Snacks/Lunch – There will be concessions available for sale provided by the Destrehan FIRST teams.

Contact Information:

Tournament Location Information:

Destrehan High School
1 Wildcat Ln
Destrehan, LA 70047

Tournament Contacts:

Event coordinator:
Clark Rowley
985-285-8455
ftclouisiana@gmail.com

Facility/emergency contacts:
Elaine Fitzgerald - 504-559-0340
Brian Young - 504-906-1067

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.

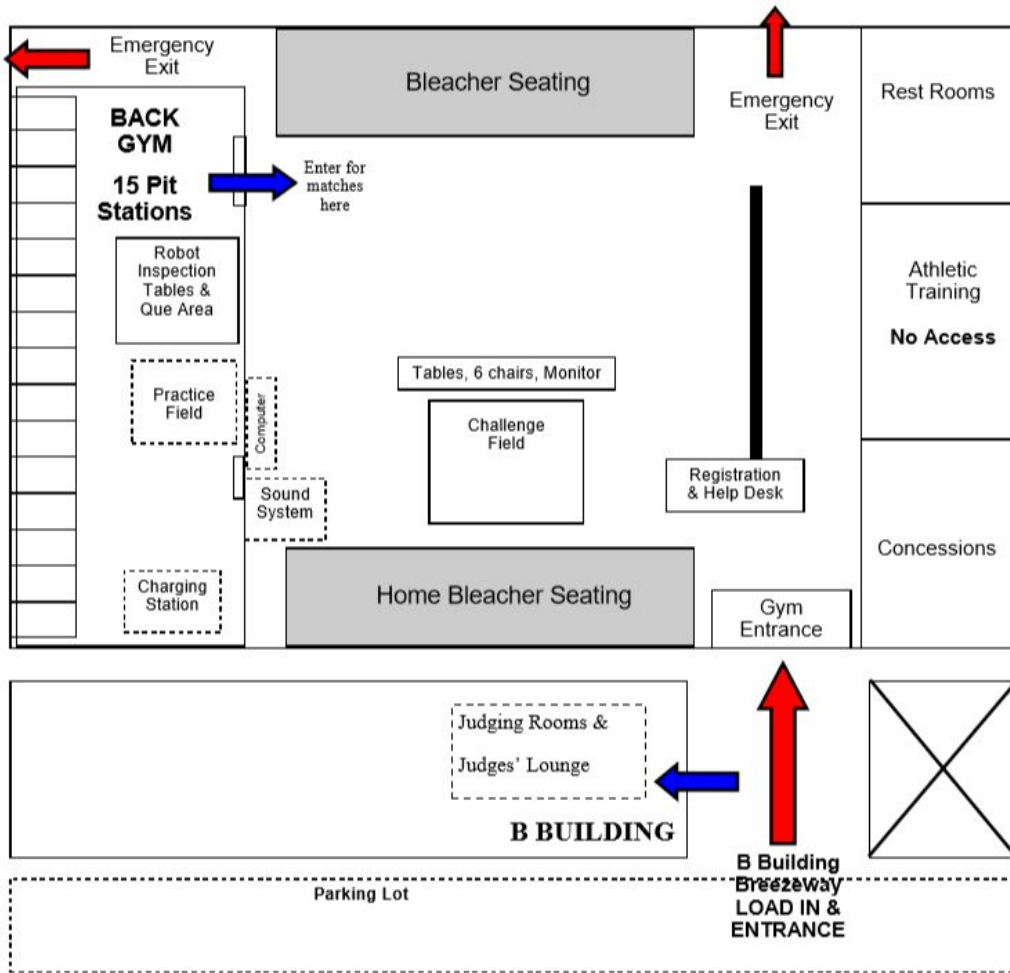
- Bring your printed FIRST team roster.** For any students that you write in, bring completed Consent and Release forms.
- Bring your Engineering Notebook.**
- Bring enough safety glasses for everyone who will be in the Pit Area and the Competition Field (students, mentors, and guests).
- Bring extension 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 Destrehan High using the address and Google and/or a GPS.

Fill in items as needed:

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Venue entrance/load-in





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In Case of Emergency:
 Brian Young - 504-906-1067
 Elaine Fitzgerald - 504-559-0340

Destrehan High School
 Hosted by Wildcats Robotics
 Brian Young, Coach
 #1 Wildcat Lane
 Destrehan, LA 70047

Concession List

LUNCH OPTIONS – Available 11:00am-3:30pm

\$5.00 Jambalaya – Chicken & Andouille

\$3.00 Hot Dogs

\$2.00/slice Cheese & Pepperoni Pizza

SNACK & BEVERAGE OPTIONS – Available All Day

\$3.00 Nachos

\$1.00-\$2.00 Assorted Candy

\$1.00 Assorted Pastries

\$1.00 Chips & Popcorn

\$1.00 Water

\$2.00 Soda

\$1.00 Coffee & Hot Chocolate