



TEAM INFORMATION PACKET
Louisiana *FIRST*® Tech Challenge
Baton Rouge Qualifying Tournament
Saturday, January 12, 2019

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

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Schedule

| Time | Event |
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| 7:00 AM | Team Registration & Check In Opens Pits Open |
| 7:30 AM | Judge Sessions Begin Inspections Open |
| 10:00 AM | Judging Sessions End Inspections Close |
| 10:15 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

* - teams that have advanced to the Regional Championship)

| Team Number | Team Name | Organization | City |
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| 6448 (*) | Blue Jays | Jesuit High School | New Orleans |
| 8647 | Super Cell | Hammond High School | Hammond |
| 8703 | Tiger Robotics | Dunham School | Baton Rouge |
| 8897 | Sacred Heart Saints | Schools of the Sacred Heart | Grand Coteau |
| 9661 | Storm Chasers | Hammond High School | Hammond |
| 9768 | Steel Eagles | Holy Savior Menard High School | Alexandria |
| 10703 | Cyclones | Hammond High School | Hammond |
| 11200 | Phenomena | O. Comeaux High School | Lafayette |
| 11220 | Bayou Bots | Holy Savior Menard High School | Alexandria |
| 12881 | Runnels Robotics | Runnels Independent School | Baton Rouge |
| 13017 | Event Horizon | Community team | Ponchatoula |
| 13126 | Robo Knights | Math Science and Arts Academy West | Plaquemine |
| 13872 | The Ship | North Iberville Elementary | Rosedale |
| 13939 | Equinox | Destrehan High School | Destrehan |
| 14369 | Eagles Robotics 2 | St. Martinville Junior High School | Saint Martinville |
| 14664 | Squire Squad | East Iberville Elementary/High School | Saint Gabriel |
| 14726 (*) | Astrobots | Home School | Baton Rouge |
| 14901 | Cubotics | Mount Carmel Academy | New Orleans |
| 14910 | The Circuit Breakers | West St. John High School | Edgard |
| 15284 | St. Thomas More Catholic High School | St Thomas More High School | Lafayette |

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.
- Please check that your team's Engineering Notebook follows the rules to be eligible for any award!!! Check the rules for the required content and presentation of the notebook - printed, in a binder or notebook, with team name and number on the cover, etc.
See the rules in the Game Manual Part 1 and the guidelines here:
https://www.firstinspires.org/sites/default/files/uploads/resource_library/ftc/engineering-notebook-guidelines.pdf
- You can help make the inspection experience easier by doing a self-inspection before the tournament of your robot and control system using the inspection checklists:
https://www.firstinspires.org/sites/default/files/uploads/resource_library/ftc/robot-inspection-checklist.pdf
https://www.firstinspires.org/sites/default/files/uploads/resource_library/ftc/field-inspection-checklist.pdf

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).

All teams must have passed the inspections before the cutoff time at 10:00 AM so that we can create the match schedule for the drive team meeting. We will try our best to get everyone through on time but it is best if teams are prepared before the day of the event.

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:

Please 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.*

Nobody - including audience members - should have active wi-fi- hotspots enabled, so please let your guests to turn those off in the competition area and seating.

Additional Information:

Advancement - We will advance seven (7) teams to the Regional Championship from this event. Some participating teams may already have advanced at an earlier event, so they do not take any of the advancement spots from this event.

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 some concessions available for sale provided by the Dunham FIRST teams.

Contact Information:

Tournament Location Information:

The Dunham School
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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. The form is linked above.
- ☐ **Bring your Engineering Notebook.** See the link above about the requirements.
- ☐ 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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