



Challenge Competition Rules



Emergency	In case of emergency, contact a tournament official immediately!
Always follow the <i>FIRST</i> core values!	<p>We express the <i>FIRST</i> philosophies of Gracious Professionalism[®] and Coopertition[®] through our Core Values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery: We explore new skills and ideas. • Innovation: We use creativity and persistence to solve problems. • Impact: We apply what we learn to improve our world. • Inclusion: We respect each other and embrace our differences. • Teamwork: We are stronger when we work together. • Fun: We enjoy and celebrate what we do!
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddy system – Team members should always be accompanied by an adult or another team member. • No running, rough housing, etc.
Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials need to be able to find a team at various times throughout the day. • The Pit Managers and coaches share the responsibility of knowing where the team is.
Be on time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team schedules are very tightly planned. Plan to arrive for team appointments at least 5 minutes in advance. If your team misses an appointment, rescheduling MAY NOT be possible. Being late may influence your team being considered for a Core Values award. • Teams are expected to attend Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
Charging stations and Practice tables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please be considerate of other teams who also need to use these shared resources. • Volunteers will manage time at the practice tables. • Charging stations are for charging batteries and computers, not for use as a workstation.
Team pit space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each team will be provided one table and two chairs. • Pit space is limited. Please be considerate. • If you wish to tape anything, bring and use ONLY blue painter's tape.
Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear comfortable clothing. • Team spirit may be shown through t-shirts, hats, bandanas, buttons, etc.
Food and beverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please encourage team members to clean up after themselves. • Please honor venue food and beverage rules.
Spectators are welcome and encouraged.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the robot game area – Bleacher seating is available for spectators to view the robot game rounds, Opening and Closing Ceremonies. • For the pit area – Visitors are encouraged to tour the Pit areas and browse the team tables, but no seating is provided for visitors. • For the judging rooms – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only team members should interact with the judges. Any others interacting with the judges will be asked to leave the room. ○ Observers are allowed in the judging rooms, but should be behind the team.
Photography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cameras are allowed. Photographers must stay in the spectator areas and not interfere with the judging or robot rounds.