



FTC Ohio Championship Tournament

TEAM INFORMATION

Date: Friday, February 10 & Saturday, February 11, 2017

Location: iSPACE, Scarlet Oaks Career Campus, 100 Scarlet Oaks Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45241

Schedule:

Friday, February 10, 2017

6-9pm Team Check-in*
Robot and Software Inspection
Turn in Engineering Notebook

* All teams are expected to go through inspection Friday evening. Exceptions will be made only in extenuating circumstances and by prior arrangement.

Saturday, February 11, 2017

7:30am Team Registration
Practice open on all fields
Robot Inspections (pre-arranged only)
8:15am Team Judge Interviews Begin
8:15am Field Inspections Begin on Competition Field A
8:30am Practice Opens on Competition Field B
10:45am Drivers Meeting with Head Referee
11:10am Opening Ceremony
11:50am Qualification Rounds Begin
5:30pm Awards Ceremony Begins

• On Saturday, shortly after all teams arrive and pass inspection, a match schedule will be delivered to your team. You may only get one copy, so hang on to it!

• Note the starting time, especially for judge's interviews and match startup times. If you are running late, please contact the planning committee to let them know!

Lori McAlister 513-696-6784 (cell) or Dan Kobida: 513-800-0772 (cell)

Pit Area:

- Upon arrival at the venue, your team can go to their pit area, while you do registration check-in. You will need to have your consent forms with you!
- Your team will have an assigned table with an electrical outlet to use as a base of operations throughout the tournament. You must bring your own computer, extension cord, and surge protector.
- The pit area will have two 12'x12' practice fields set-up. There will be a sign-up sheet for practice times. First come-first serve.



Assistance:

If you need help with your robot, programming, etc., ask for it! That's the spirit of *FIRST* to help one another.

Team Marketing:

It's helpful to have a one-page sheet of things your team/robot excels at, for use when other teams are scouting.

Gracious Professionalism:

It is a *FIRST* tradition that all teams stay for the awards ceremony. It shows respect for the teams who are receiving awards, and you may be one of them! If you should need to leave the event during the day, let the planning committee know so they can reconfigure the match schedule if necessary!

Prior to the tournament:

- You must pay the tournament registration fees prior to participating in the event.
- Make sure your team has COMPLETE information in TIMS prior to the event –
- All team members, coaches and mentors must register their FTC participation using the official *FIRST* team information management system (TIMS).
 - For Coaches Registration, click on the link <http://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/youth-team-member-consent-and-release-form> and follow the directions for the Team Information Management System.
 - For Parent Registration, go to the same link <http://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/youth-team-member-consent-and-release-form> and follow the directions for the Youth Team Members Information System.
 - It is the responsibility of each FTC event participant to make sure that they have satisfactorily completed the TIMS registration process, and, where required, completed and passed the required background check process.
 - **Team members who are not registered through TIMS will not be allowed to participate.**
- Re-read *FIRST* Velocity Vortex rules, Coach's Handbook, and Competition Tips and Best Practices.
- Visit ispacescience.org/programs/first-robotics/ftc-oh. There may be updates the closer we get to the competition date.
- Finalize permission slip, emergency contact information, transportation, chaperone and food details.
- Order or make team t-shirts, spirit items, safety glasses. Everyone entering the pits or the competition area **MUST HAVE Safety Glasses! Don't Forget!**
- FTC Ohio Championship Tournament t-shirts are available for \$15 or \$18 for XXL+. (Order form at end of this packet.) Shirts also may be purchased at the event for \$18. No XXL+ sizes will be available. iSPACE accepts credit cards or checks made payable to iSPACE.
- Label everything, including batteries, glasses, etc. Put contact info in Engineering Notebook. Be sure to pack it!
- Review rules or behavior expectations with your team.
- Explain Gracious Professionalism to the team and to the parents, etc. who may be coming as spectators.
- Practice what your students will say to the judges. This works well if you can get some unfamiliar adults to stand in as judges. Go over the judging process with the team. ALL team members should be enthusiastic, knowledgeable about the team and robot, and prepared to speak to the judges. Adult mentors should NOT speak unless asked specifically by a judge. If you don't know the answer, refer it to someone else nearby on the team who does. Review the Awards criteria.
- Read through the alliance selection process carefully. Make sure your team is aware of how the day's events are scheduled, and how qualifying matches are run.



- Be sure to invite your local legislators, school administration, sponsors, parents, etc. to the event. Publicize in your school! Invite local JFLL, FLL or FRC teams to come support your team! Spectators are welcome!
- Prepare a press release in advance and get list of contact information for local media outlets. If you should win an award (or even just participate), you can fill in the details and be all set to fax it or e-mail it to your media. Fresh news is good news.
- Line up a team photographer who will record your team's day for those who cannot make it to the event. Good for your team website and/or school newspaper, etc.
- Identify an adult willing to "baby-sit" your pit area while you are competing or in interviews.
- Determine how you will transport your robot, laptop, tools, etc. Rolling bin?
- Give pep talk to the team. Congratulate them on a job well done. Competition outcome is less important than the journey you just took to get to this point.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Hotel Accommodations:

Clarion Cincinnati North - Located 1 mile from iSPACE
3855 Hauck Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45241
Phone: (513) 563-8330

A block of rooms has been reserved for the special rate of **\$79**. This rate includes breakfast and free parking. To reserve, call (513) 563-8330. Be sure to ask for the iSPACE FTC Group Block. Reserve by February 6 to receive this guaranteed group rate.

Dress:

Dress for the tournament is casual. This is a sporting event! Adopt a theme with your t-shirts, accessories, team signs, etc. Have fun!

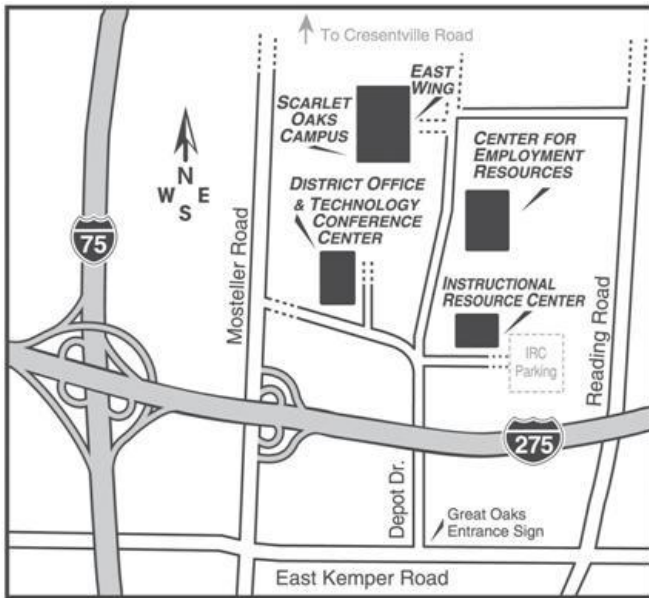
Food: A concessions stand is located conveniently next to the Pit. Breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages are available for purchase.



Directions:

Directions online at ispacescience.org/directions. The map below shows how to get to iSPACE once you are in the vicinity. iSPACE is located on the Scarlet Oak Career Campus. There will be iSPACE signs guiding you in once you turn onto Depot Road.

If you are coming from the Clarion, you will take Hawk Road heading west. Hawk Road dead-ends into the Scarlet Oaks Campus. When you get to the first stop sign on the campus, turn left. Go to stop sign and turn right into parking lot. Follow iSPACE signs to entrance.



If you have trouble finding us call Lori at 513-696-6784.

Parking: A free parking lot is adjacent to the facility.

Buses: No special instructions for buses. There is ample free parking.

Inclement Weather/Cancellation Policy:

The FTC Ohio Championship Robotics Tournament will be cancelled only if Hamilton County is under a level 3 Snow Emergency. Please refer to local news and radio for current county advisories. Under all other conditions the tournament will go on as planned. In event of cancellation, coaches of record will be emailed and a message will be posted on the FTC OH website

<http://ispacescience.org/programs/first-robotics/ftc-oh>

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