



DISTRICT EVENT PACKET 2022

1 GENERAL

This document supplements the *FIRST's* Event Rules and highlights rules and expectations that are applicable to all *FIRST* Mid-Atlantic District Events. *FIRST's* Event Rules are available at the below website:

<https://www.firstinspires.org/sites/default/files/uploads/frc/EventRulesManual.pdf>

A general event schedule is provided for both District Events and the District Championship to allow teams to plan buses & logistics accordingly. Event specific information will be provided to teams attending each event by the Local Event Coordinators closer to the respective events.

2 COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY

FIRST Mid-Atlantic recognizes that the health and safety of *FIRST* teams, volunteers and staff must be our top priority. For the 2022 competition season, *FIRST* Mid-Atlantic has made changes to allow for a safe and successful competition season. For the complete *FIRST* Mid-Atlantic COVID-19 Health & Policy, visit this website:

<https://midatlanticrobotics.com/covid-19/>

3 FIRST EVENT RULES – ADDENDUMS

The following rules are addendums to *FIRST's* Event Rules.

- E105. Teams Must Check In.** During Team Check-In, the Team Mentor must provide the Team Health Attestation form along with the Team Roster and any paper copies of the Consent and Release Forms.
 - E402. Team Load-in.** There is no designated load-in period nor a limit of team members during load-in at district events. Only District Championship has a designated load-in period.
 - E801. No Saving Seats.** Teams may not hang banners, ropes, etc. to designate seating. (Event staff will remove and discard any material used to designate seating). Do not leave items in the stands overnight to save seats (including signs, team promotional items, etc.). All items will be removed from the stands overnight by Event Staff.
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4 VENUE POLICIES

No outside food is permitted in the District Event venues. The host teams are not compensated by *FIRST* Mid-Atlantic for hosting events. The sale of concession food is a fundraiser for the host teams. Please respect this by not bringing outside food to our venues; this includes tailgating, catered meals, meals prepared at home, etc. We understand that a small number of students have specific dietary requirements, therefore, please consult with the Local Event Coordinator on specific dietary requirements that would require those students to bring in outside food.



Standardized Food Prices – Due to the uncertainty and differences between all of our event venues on what their food service will be as a result of COVID-19 alterations, there will be no standard food prices across all District Events for the 2022 season.

See Event Specific Packet for additional concession items for each event.

5 ADDITIONAL EVENT FEATURES

Pit Administration. Pit Administration is centrally located in the Pit area. *FIRST* staff members and/or volunteers run this area to check teams in and help teams and visitors. Come to the Pit Administration to:

- Team Roster: Turn in your team's roster and any hard copy Consent and Release forms
- Registration Packet: Check-in and receive your envelope and badges
- Questions: Get answers to most questions, including machine shop access
- Lost and Found: Can be found at Pit Admin
- Incident Reporting: Report an illness, injury, or other incident. A laptop will be available at Pit Administration for individuals to complete the online report forms.

Driver's Meeting. The Driver's Meeting will take place from the stands. Any questions shall be submitted in advance to Pit Administration using Question forms that will be provided at the event.

Queuing. Teams should know their match schedule, carefully watch the clock and current match considering occasionally match times run behind schedule, and review the Pit Map or directional signs to find the pre-set traffic pattern. Pit Administration & Queue Volunteers do not make announcements or alert individual teams when drive teams and robots shall report for matches. It is up to the team to report to matches on time.

If a team is in any of the first three matches of any day of competition, the team's robot and drive team must queue prior to the Opening Ceremony.

Team Flags. There is no storage by the competition field for team flags. Due to COVID precautions, teams who wish to have their team flag waved during team introductions will have their Technician wave the flag from the designated Technician area. No flags will be waved on the playing field by the Master of Ceremony or any other individual. Any flags left behind at the conclusion of the event will be discarded.

Security. There have been occasions when items such as cameras and laptops have "disappeared" from the Pit or competition area. Use common sense and do not leave valuable items unattended. Neither the site, *FIRST* Mid-Atlantic, nor *FIRST* is responsible for any theft. Take valuable items with you, or designate a team representative to remain with them in the team Pit or competition areas.

Playoffs - Additional Pit Crew. Due to limited spacing around the playing field, alliances shall return to their pit during quarterfinals. During semifinals, robots shall remain near the field in designated locations indicated by *FIRST* Staff or Event Volunteers. Three (3) pit passes per team will be provided. There is no limit to the age of the additional pit members, but they must remain in their designated queuing area during matches. Basic hand tools may be brought to the field, however no large rolling pit set-ups may be brought to the field.



Media Pass. No media passes are distributed at *FIRST* Mid-Atlantic district qualifying events. Media passes will be made available for the District Championship.

Do Not Block the Aisles. Be cognizant of those around you. No standing / taking pictures / socializing against the pipe and drape around the playing field. This blocks the view from the stands. All photographers & videography **MUST** be taken from the stands or areas that do not block traffic or views.

Practice Field during Playoffs. Each alliance will receive a pass to the practice field during the alliance captains meeting. The pass may be used to receive priority at the practice field. If there are no alliances in line for the practice field, any team may use the practice field on a first-come, first-served basis. The practice field will close at the conclusion of Quarterfinals.

Queuing. Teams should designate a team member to know the team's match schedule, carefully watch the clock, alert the team when a match is coming up, and review the Pit map or directional signs to find the pre-set traffic pattern. Pit Administration & Queue Volunteers do not make announcements or alert individual teams when drive teams and robots shall report for matches. It is up to the team to report to matches on time.

Awards Ceremonies. Teams who earn an award are welcomed onto the playing field, where they can go through the judge line to receive recognition and air high-fives. No physical high-fives will be occurring.

Senior / Alumni Photo. There will be a photo on the field during Saturday lunch break of current team seniors and of *FIRST* alumni at each event. The photo may be rescheduled if there are time limitations.

Lost and found. Contact the Local Event Coordinator for lost items. Any items left behind will be kept for 7 days. Arrangements must be made to pick up items in this time period.

6 FIRST MID-ATLANTIC AWARDS

FIRST Mid-Atlantic has two community awards that are awarded prior to Alliance Selection at each District Event.

Donald Bowers Inspiration Award. This award recognizes individuals who instill the values of *FIRST* within their team and community. Each team may submit one individual for consideration at each District Event who has impacted and inspired their team. The candidate may be a mentor, volunteer, parent, or sponsor. The 500 word (maximum) essays will be collected at Pit Administration. The deadline for submission is the start of opening ceremonies. For additional information on this award, visit:

<https://midatlanticrobotics.com/downloads/donald-bowers-inspiration-award/>

Outstanding Volunteer. This award celebrates the dedication and service of volunteers within this *FIRST* Mid-Atlantic District. The phenomenal success of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition within the region is a reflection of the commitment and enthusiasm displayed by our volunteers. At each District Event, we will recognize one individual selected by the Local Planning Committee.



DISTRICT EVENT - DETAILED EVENT SCHEDULE

DAY 0 – FRIDAY

4:00 PM	Pits Open to Teams
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	Field Measurement & Calibration (if competition field is available)
6:00 PM	Robot Inspection Open
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Field Test Matches for fully inspected robots; Limit of 3 matches per team
9:00 PM to 9:45 PM	Off-field Robot Connectivity Tests Begin; All teams that are not fully inspected must report to the field for robot connectivity tests
10:00 PM	Pits Closed to Teams

DAY 1 – SATURDAY

8:00 AM	Pits & Arena Seating Open to Teams; Machine Shop open (if available)
8:30 AM to 10:15 AM	Practice Matches
10:15 AM	Driver's Meeting
10:30 AM	Opening Ceremonies
11:00 AM	Qualification Matches Begin
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Field Break
2:00 PM to 6:30 PM	Qualification Matches
7:00 PM	Pits, Machine Shop & Arena Seating Closed to Teams Pits & Arena will remain open until 7PM or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last match

DAY 2 - SUNDAY

8:00 AM	Pits & Arena Seating Open to Teams; Machine Shop open (if available)
8:30 AM	Optional Driver's Meeting if required by the Head Referee
9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Qualification Matches
12:30 PM to 1:00 PM	Alliance Selections Alliance Selections will begin 15 minutes after the last qualifying match
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Field Break
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Playoff Tournament
5:00 PM	Awards Ceremony
6:30 PM	Pits, Machine Shop & Arena Seating Closed to Teams Pits & Arena will close 30 minutes after the Awards Ceremony



DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP - DETAILED EVENT SCHEDULE

DAY 0 – WEDNESDAY

6:00 PM Pits Open to Teams for Load-In only
8:00 PM Pits Closed

DAY 1 – THURSDAY

8:00 AM Pits & Arena Seating Open to Teams
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Field Measurement & Calibration
10:00 AM Driver's Meeting
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM Practice Matches
11:00 AM Safety Captain's Meeting (Location TBD)
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM Field Break
1:30 PM to 5:30 PM Qualification Matches
6:30 PM Pits, Machine Shop & Arena Seating Closed to Teams.
Pits & Arena will remain open until 6:30 PM or 30 minutes after the conclusion of
the
last match

DAY 2 – FRIDAY

8:00 AM Pits & Arena Seating Open to Teams
8:15 AM Optional Driver's Meeting if Required by the Head Referee
8:30 AM Opening Ceremonies
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Qualification Matches
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Field Break
2:00 PM to 5:30 PM Qualification Matches
6:00 PM Pits, Machine Shop & Arena Seating Closed to Teams
Pits & Arena will remain open until 6:00 PM or 30 minutes after the conclusion of
the
last match

DAY 3 – SATURDAY

8:00 AM Pits & Arena Seating Open to Teams
8:30 AM Opening Ceremonies; WFFA & VOY Awards Ceremony
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM Qualification Matches
12:30 PM Alliance Selections
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Field Break
2:00 PM Playoff Tournament
5:00 PM Awards Ceremony
6:30 PM Pits, Machine Shop & Arena Seating Closed to Teams
Pits & Arena will close 30 minutes after the Awards Ceremony