

DART: DARTMOUTH AREA ROBOTICS TOURNAMENT

WELCOME

Welcome to the inaugural Dartmouth Area Robotics Tournament, hosted by the Thayer School Engineering at Dartmouth. We would like to say that you can thank the Dartmouth Engineering Students, FIRST Lego League Coaches and the FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Team for bringing you this tournament. All have put in tremendous effort in putting all the pieces of this together. But since this is a completely cooperative venture, you undoubtedly belong to one of those groups. So we will thank you for all of your efforts in creating this event and preparing your teams for it.

These pages contain the basic information you will need to find your way around the tournament: schedules, maps and contact information. As you go through the tournament and find things that are not yet perfect, remember that everyone is practicing here and looking for ways to get better. With that in mind, here are some suggestions:

- Ask for help if you need it
- Offer help if you have it
- If something needs to be done, consider that maybe *you* could do it
- Make it fun for everyone

The schedule today is very demanding. To make it all work teams will need to check in at each venue 15 minutes before their scheduled time. Whether you are a coach, player, parent or judge, others are counting on you. Among other things, they are counting on you to stay on schedule. Each pair of teams only have 30 minutes in each judging venue, or 15 minutes per team. Time is even tighter in the Robot Competition (Performance) Venue. This time includes the time it takes you to enter and leave the venue. Although you often can't ask question about your scores in an official tournament, we have tried to build-in the chance to do that here -- but only within the time allowed. Be aware of the time and don't take time away from the next team. Here are some details of our schedule.

9:00 All coaches to coaches meeting

9:30 Opening Rally at West End of Glycofi Atrium

10:00 Competition Begins (see attached schedule)

3:00 Teams pack up, take down and put away their own tables

3:00 Interested Coaches to MacLean 201 for Awards Meeting

3:15 Teams to FRC Team Robotics Demonstration, West End of Glycofi Atrium

3:30 Awards Rally

I hope that throughout this tournament will start of forging our eighteen local FLL teams into one Dartmouth Area Robotics Team. If we have done this right, we will care about each other's success and when we see each other at the official tournaments later this year we will help each other out. Be visible - wear your DART buttons at the official tournaments and look around for others who are wearing theirs. If you want to have people you can count on, be someone that they can count on

Thanks for coming. Thanks for reading all this. Now go have some fun.

DART Organizing Committee

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