

FIRST Indiana Robotics FINite Recharge COVID-19 Procedure Document

Key Information

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Venue

Lawrence Central High School 7300 E 56th St Indianapolis, IN 46226

Schedule

Friday, July 16th

1:00 pm EST - 6:00 pm EST Team Load-In/Check In

Connection Tests/Practice Matches

6:00 pm EST - 7:30 pm EST Andy's Fun Matches!

8:00 pm EST Doors Close

Saturday, July 17th

7:30 am EST Doors Open 8:00 am EST - 9:00 am EST Field Open

9:00 am EST Opening Ceremonies 6:00 pm EST Closing Ceremonies

6:30 pm EST Doors Close

Live Streaming

The event will be lived streamed through FIN's Twitch Channel: twitch.tv/firstinrobotics



COVID-19 Policies

PPE

All participants must wear a mask when inside the venue while attending the event to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, with exceptions when eating. Masks should cover both the nose and mouth.

Safety Glasses must be worn while in the pits and within the competition field area. Face shields are not approved as a replacement for safety glasses unless they satisfy the ANSI Z87.1 standard. Should an ANSI face shield be used, a face mask is also required.

Social Distancing

Participants should avoid close contact with participants from other teams and volunteers whenever possible, maintaining a distance of 6 feet or more. There should not be any shaking hands, high fives, etc. during the event, and teams should have space between themselves and other teams in the stands.

Temperature Checks

Participants when entering the venue each day before receiving their wristbands will have to submit to a temperature check. If they display a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, they will have to follow the protocols listed under the Exposure Response During an Event.

Personal Sanitation/Hygiene

Hand Sanitizer, sinks, and hygiene protocol signage will be available throughout the venue to allow participants to sanitize their hands. It is recommended participants wash their hands after contact with field elements and individuals to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Exposure Response

During an Event

Any participant who begins to feel sick or suspects they have been exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 during an event should immediately report to the event First Aid Station. Student team members should notify their mentor/coach and report with their mentor/coach to the event First Aid station.

The individual who feels sick will have their temperature taken by the on-site medical services professional. Should the individual have a temperature, the individual will be taken to the event isolation room and asked to call family members so that he/she can be picked up in order to seek medical attention.



Individuals without a temperature may be isolated for a period of time depending upon symptoms. Medical services professionals will complete a medical interview to ask the individual questions to understand his/her symptoms and make a determination of the course of action. The medical services professional will complete a medical questionnaire to record symptoms and other information of any incident. Based upon the symptoms, the medical services professional will determine any subsequent actions that need to be taken.

After an Event

Should an individual who attends an event develop symptoms or test positive for COVID within 14 days of attending a FIRST Indiana Robotics off-season event, the individual (or their coach/mentor if a student) should contact Renee Becker-Blau at FIRST Indiana Robotics to provide notification. FIRST Indiana Robotics will utilize team roster forms, volunteer rosters, and staff lists to immediately notify all participants who attended the event where potential exposure could have occurred. (rbb@indianafirst.org)



Team Member and Spectator Policies

Attendance Limits

Due to COVID-19 Venue Capacity Limits, there is a restriction on the number of individuals allowed from each team. Each team is allowed 10 individuals to enter the venue. At least 2 of these individuals must be mentors to comply with YPP Guidelines. Depending on the number of teams registered when the registration period closes (July 6th), teams will be contacted and informed if they are allowed to have more individuals attend the event by Thursday, July 8th.

Food Distribution

Food and drinks will be available for purchase at the concession stands, team pizza order forms will be distributed the day of the event, and outside food is welcome in the venue. During the lunch break participants are highly encouraged to sit with their own team and socially distance themselves from other teams. Weather permitting, teams are encouraged to sit outside and eat. As a reminder, food and drink is not allowed inside the pit area.

Sign In

All participants on arrival must sign in each individual for their team as well as a phone number and email to contact the mentor or guardian of the students in case of contact tracing. While signing in, you will also submit the FIN Consent and Release Forms for your team. Once a team completes the check in process they will receive a wristband for the day that lets them into the venue.

Wristbands

FIRST Indiana Robotics will issue color-coded wristbands each day of the event. Only the exact number of wristbands will be issued for the number of team members and mentors allowed to attend from each team in order to control the number of people attending the event. Individuals must be wearing the appropriate wristband to be allowed into the venue. No replacement wristbands will be issued if a wristband is lost.



Competition Policies

Inspection

Our intent is for teams to bring robots designed to play the INFINITE RECHARGE game and follow the robot rules for 2021, a home inspection checklist can be found below. A Robot Inspector will be at the event to ensure robots are safe for gameplay but no formal inspections will be conducted. The link to the home inspection checklist can be found at: https://firstfrc.blob.core.windows.net/frc2021/Manual/2021-inspection-checklist.pdf
Teams should watch this video to familiarize themselves with the basic rules: https://youtu.be/kJ052oE6d1c

Queuing

At events where teams are queued prior to matches, the queuing area will be spaced so that teams are at least 6 feet apart from each other. Spacing will be marked with tape on the floor to ensure social distancing.

Load-In/Load-Out

During the Load-In and Load-Out time periods, teams should practice social distancing from other teams, leaving enough space (6 ft.) between them. Team members that are not participating in load in should stay out of the loading area to not interfere with others.

Pit Areas

Teams should reduce their pit set-up to the items needed to keep their robot in the competition. This will allow for a faster load-in/load-out and give your team members more room in your pit area (10' x 10'). Pits will be spaced apart as much as possible based on the number of teams. No swag items should be brought to events for distribution to other teams in 2021.

Failure to Comply

Failure to comply by any team member, Mentor/Coach or person affiliated or traveling with the Team will result in a verbal warning for the entire team. Any further acts of non-compliance will be deemed as egregious behavior and may result in expulsion from the event and/or the issuance of a Yellow and/or Red Card to the entire team as per Game Manual Part 6 - Conduct Rules. C1.

C1. Egregious or exceptional violations. Egregious behavior beyond what is listed in the rules or repeated violations of any rule or procedure during the event is prohibited. In addition to rule violations explicitly listed in this manual and witnessed by a REFEREE, the Head REFEREE may assign a YELLOW or RED CARD for egregious ROBOT actions or team member behavior at any time during the event. This includes violations of the event rules.



References

CDC COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html

CDC COVID-19 Travel Frequently Asked Questions https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/fags.html

Indiana Department of Health COVID-19 Site https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/

Marion County Public Health Department COVID-19 Site https://marionprepares.org/