



CHALLENGE

Acadia Championship POLICIES & INFO

Outstanding Documents

FORMS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE; NO EXCEPTIONS.

ANY TEAM MEMBER MISSING ONE OR BOTH WAIVERS
WILL BE TURNED AWAY.



ANY ACADIA FORM SUBMITTED AFTER DECEMBER 31ST IS CONSIDERED OUTSTANDING AND MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE COMPETITION. GUARDIANS MUST COMPLETE THE FIRST ONLINE CONSENT VIA EXPRESS ENROLMENT.
Coaches will take full responsibility for missing items. Bring your official team number with you.

At the event, send ONE coach or mentor to register at the Outstanding Item Check-In Queue.

WiFi & Downloads

Download your programs to a device or memory stick before coming to Acadia. Stable connection to the guest network is not guaranteed in the gym.

Judging Sessions

a. Display

While a projector may be available in the judging room, **it is not guaranteed, and a plan B is strongly recommended**. Acadia Robotics is not responsible for the equipment's functionality or presence in the judging room. Set up of the projector is included in the allotted time, and **must be unassisted by adults** (incl. coaches, mentors, judges, or Tech Services). Alternatively, teams may bring a laptop/Chromebook/tablet to display their material, or use other creative formats, e.g., posters.

b. Coach Involvement

- Registered coaches & mentors are welcome in their team's judging session, but may not participate in presenting or answering questions. Sessions are closed to family and the public.
- Coaches may assist in carrying in presentation materials if physically unmanageable for youth participants, but cannot assist in the set-up after dropping them off, including technical support.

Bluetooth

Please review our Bluetooth Policy:

Only teams requiring a Bluetooth connection to upload programs to their robot are permitted to do so; however, robots must be launched manually, as **use of Bluetooth to start programs is prohibited**. Misuse of Bluetooth for remote operation during challenges will result in **immediate disqualification**. Bluetooth must be turned off during the game, and always by teams who do not require it. Robot names relevant to individual teams are necessary for efficient pairing.

Weather Policy

The competition will be cancelled if 1) Acadia University closes Campus, or 2) the Town of Wolfville declares a state of emergency. If inclement weather is expected around or on the day of the competition please arrange to come early (or stay late) to ensure safe commuting to and from team meeting spaces. To get updates on campus closures please see: <http://security.acadiau.ca>

Review Additional Policies & Procedures:

<https://robots.acadiau.ca/EventDayNeedtoKnow.html>

We appreciate the care that you take in following these policies. Ultimately, these rules are in place for the sole purpose of ensuring that your teams can focus on having fun, by feeling confident that everyone involved is committed to supporting a respectful competition environment.

FAQ!

What should I bring?

- Robots and any attachments (charge cords/cords to connect to computer)
- Spare Parts
- Materials, props, and other equipment for the Project Judging (don't forget to bring your robot to the judging session to show your design!).
- Laptop/tablet/device with power cord for editing code
- Cash for merchandise and/or snacks from concession stand
- Snacks and drinks. Lunch at Wheelock Dining Hall is provided for registered participants. Non-team members can dine at their own expense (pay at the door)
- Appropriate footwear and winter-weather attire. Acadia Campus is large and located on a hill; participants should be prepared to walk outdoors to attend judging session and meal hall.
- Pit decorations, themed hats or apparel — anything to showcase your team spirit!

Can we bring our Challenge Set?

Yes!

There will be several Practice Tables available for teams to test their programs during their downtime. Additionally, pits may have space for teams to bring their Challenge Sets to set up on the floor. We ask that mats be placed cautiously, so to avoid tripping hazards and to maintain respect for others' space. Please note the risk of damage to your belongings if placed on the floor and use your discretion when opting to bring these items.

Do I have to wear a mask?

At your discretion.

Masks are not required on the March Competition Weekend; however, we strongly encourage anyone who feels unwell to wear a mask as a courtesy to others, and welcome anyone who are comfortable masking to do so for their own comfort

What's for lunch?

Lunch at Wheelock Dining Hall is provided for all registered team members, incl. coaches and mentors. Audience members may dine at Wheelock at their own expense (pay at the door). The Axepress Kiosk concession stand will be open during the competition, located outside the gym doors. Vending machines are available throughout the building.

Can my family and friends come?

Absolutely!

Community spectators are welcome to cheer on teams from the bleachers. We ask that only registered team members, coaches, mentors, and volunteers be on the gym floor. We have a full house!

Because the Judging Sessions are private, you might recommend that friends come for the afternoon Robot Games in the gym. Audience (and teams!)

What if they live far away?

Competitions will be live-streamed:

<https://www.youtube.com/@acadiarobotics7201streams>

What Awards will be Presented?

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Champion's Award:

This award celebrates a team that embodies the *FIRST® LEGO®* League Challenge experience by fully embracing the core values while achieving excellence and innovation in Robot Performance, Robot Design, and the Innovation Project.

Our top *FIRST®* Champion teams will have the opportunity to advance to the third annual WAFFLE (WPI Annual *FIRST LEGO* League Event) in Worcester, MA, USA.

Robot Performance Award:

This award celebrates a team that scores the most points during the Robot Game. Teams have a chance to compete in at three 2.5 minute matches, and their highest score counts. In this category for *FIRST® LEGO®* League Challenge, the winning team can also win a second award in addition to Robot Performance.

Robot Design Award:

This team uses outstanding programming principles and solid engineering practices to develop a robot that is mechanically sound, durable, efficient, and highly capable of performing challenge missions.

Core Values Award:

This team displays extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit, knows they can accomplish more together than they could as individuals, and shows each other and other teams respect at all times.

Innovation Project Award:

This team utilizes diverse resources for their innovation project to help them gain a comprehensive understanding of their problem, has a creative, well-researched solution, and effectively communicates their findings to judges and the community.

Breakthrough Award:

This award celebrates a team that made significant progress in their confidence and capability in at least one of the core areas of *FIRST LEGO* League.

Rising All-Star Award:

This award celebrates a team that the judges notice and expect great things from in the future.

Motivate Award:

This award celebrates a team that the judges notice and expect great things from in the future. This award celebrates a team that embraces the culture of *FIRST LEGO* League through team building, team spirit, and displayed enthusiasm.

Are there Advancement Opportunities?

Yes, there are opportunities for three teams!

The top three Champion-rank teams will be offered the opportunity to attend the *FIRST* World Festival in Houston, Texas (one spot), Or the World Open event 'WAFFLE' in Worcester, Massachusetts (two spots).

Following the Acadia Championship, the 1st Place Champion team will have one week to select their preference of the two events, followed by the second and third teams.

Should any team opt not to travel, the opportunity will be passed onto the next highest ranking team or teams.

Find more details about each event via the links below:

[FIRST World Festival](#)

[WAFFLE](#)