

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.

Phone Policy

Following the above Internet policy, phones and communication devices are strictly prohibited from the gymnasium floor, including the Pit and competition area, and bleachers until the conclusion of each **round**. Any devices found in violation of this policy must be surrendered to the individual's coach immediately. Staff should be notified if accommodations are needed. Further abuse of electronic devices to dishonour the rules and spirit of Robofest may lead to further consequences. Laptops, Chromebooks, and Tablets for programming use are acceptable.

Internet & AI

AI and Internet Policy - In accordance with Robofest's Game rules, any outside help during the competition, including electronic and online sources, are strictly prohibited. Please note that the use of Artificial Intelligence during the competition violates this regulation. Noncompliance may result in disqualification.

WiFi & Downloads

Download your programs to a device or memory stick before coming to Acadia. The Acadia Guest network is available. but stable connection is not guaranteed.

Coaches & Mentors

Coaches & Mentors are not permitted on the gym floor. Adults may assist in carrying in materials, but must go to bleachers once teams are settled. Only team members can program or build robots - Parents, coaches, and mentors are not allowed to program or build the robots. If parents, coaches, or mentors work on the robot the team may be disqualified from winning any awards or advancing to World Championships.

This season, we have a team member in our competition with accessibility needs who requires a support volunteer during the event, including the thirty-minute work period. This support volunteer will not be acting as a coach or programming

Bluetooth

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 not be canceled unless Acadia University closes or 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.



What should I bring?

- All outstanding waivers.
- Robots and any attachments (charge cords/cords to connect to computer)
- Spare Parts
- Laptop/tablet/device with power cord for editing code
- Scientific Calculator, ruler, pencils and notepaper
 - *Please note: additional batteries, rulers, or tools used to align the start position of the robot must be impounded, or else they cannot be used during the run.*
- Cash for merchandise and/or snacks from concession stand
- Snacks and drinks. Lunch at Wheelock Dining Hall is provided for participating teams
- Appropriate footwear and winter-weather attire. Acadia Campus is large and located on a hill; participants should be prepared to walk outdoors.

Can we bring our practice tables?

No tables, but supplies optional:

Please do not bring folding tables to Acadia, due to lack of space. During the thirty-minute work periods, teams will be permitted to test their programs on the competition tables (5 Jr, 5 Sr). Teams may have 3 minutes at a table before they must rejoin the queue. All programming must be done at Pit tables—**devices are not permitted in the competition area.**

Can we sign out our robot early?

No. After completing your run, please return your robot to impound until the end of the round and return to the bleachers (round one) or photo booth (round two).

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!

What if they live far away?

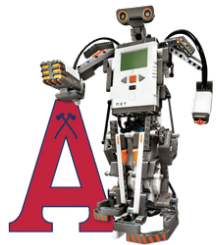
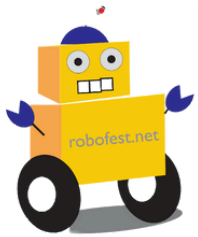
Competitions will be live-streamed on:

<https://www.youtube.com/@acadiarobotics7201/streams>

ACADIA ROBOTICS

What to Expect

GENERAL OVERVIEW



- Upon arrival, please send one coach or mentor to check in your team at the info desk (outside gym doors).
- Teams with no outstanding items are eligible for express check-in.
- After staff confirms all documentation has been submitted, teams can find their Pit tables in the gym and set up. Please wear the provided T-shirts, as they are needed to identify teams and demonstrate permission to be in Competition Area.
- Adults can find a seat in the bleachers. Youth may work and test their programs during the downtime before the First Reveal.
- Shortly before UTFs are distributed, an announcement will be made. All phones should be given to coaches during this time.
- ONE member for each team will pick up their UTF from a volunteer at the main stage.
- 30-minutes of work begin.
- Teams will be given notice when there is 1-2 minutes remaining.
All programs must be downloaded by the end of the 30 minutes.
- One team member will take the robot to be impounded, and then find a seat in the bleachers. Exception: Teams playing the first run of each round will be given priority impound to check restrictions, then a volunteer will guide the 1-2 operators directly to their Game table.
- After each run concludes, operators will sign off on their scorecard, return robot to impound (round one), and take a seat in the bleachers. After your last run in round two, please take your robot and team to the photo booth.
- After the work period, Pits cannot be accessed until the end of each round. Make sure to bring any belongings desired during the games to the bleachers after impound.
- Audience is welcome to browse the displays in the foyer and cheer on other teams.
 - Also note that phones are still prohibited until the end of the **round**.
- After each round, teams may check out their robot from impound and come and go from their Pit area as they'd like.

Have concerns? Need something?

Ask a volunteer!

A volunteer or staff member will be happy to help you. Acadia Robotics can provide reasonable accommodation if needed.

We want to ensure everyone has a positive experience!