

## Los Altos Local Qualifying Competition

We're looking forward to seeing 24 teams at [Blach School](#) in Los Altos on Sunday, November 16, for the Los Altos Robotics qualifying competition. I have attached the form of the schedule so you can get a sense of how the day will flow. A detailed schedule for this year's tournament with the team names included will be provided soon. The final schedule will also indicate the correct room numbers for judging.

**Location:** The opening and closing ceremonies and matches of the Los Altos Local Qualifying Competition will take place in the Multi Purpose room and judging sessions will take place in certain classrooms at Georgina P. Blach Intermediate School, located at 1120 Covington Road, Los Altos. The Multi Purpose room is the building closest to Covington Road. Here is a link to a Google map for [Blach Intermediate School](#).

**Volunteers:** We need lots of help for the tournament. Thank you to all that have volunteered to help and those that will help us out at the events. **Each team is required to provide volunteers to be eligible to participate in the competition.** See [http://losaltosrobotics.org/FLL/tournament\\_volunteer.html](http://losaltosrobotics.org/FLL/tournament_volunteer.html)

**Field Set Building.** This year we are also asking for a team to volunteer to put together the four field sets we will use at the competition and for an adult to check them over. This will count at one of that team's tournament volunteers. We will need these ready for pick up by November 14.

Please let Linda Ren know if you have questions about the volunteer roles before the tournament and please see Edmond Macaluso with any questions on the day of the tournament. Linda Ren (650) 450-0546 [lindaren@gmail.com](mailto:lindaren@gmail.com)

**Arrival:** Upon arrival, teams should:

- Go to the check-in table when you arrive
- Check your match schedule and judging schedule.
- Give the volunteer your cell phone number for judging callbacks.
- Check the volunteer list for any unfilled tournament roles that you can help with.

**Pit Assignments:** Each team will be assigned a "pit" at a table where they can prepare their robot. See the pit numbers on the attached detailed schedule.

### *High level schedule:*

- 7:30 Room setup by advance party, tables and game pieces delivered. Please put a name and cell number on the table we can use to contact you at the tournament.
- 8:30 Teams are welcome to come in and check-in. Competition and practice table setup. Teams set up their pit area.
- 8:40 Coaches' meeting – ask your questions of the referees.
- 8:45 morning volunteer check-in (except for set up crew)

- 9:00 Opening Ceremonies
- 9:05 Introduction to FIRST and all the teams. Overview of the rules
- 9:15 The first teams up get to the tables
- 9:30 Practice Round Starts
- 9:45 Judge sign-in
- 10:45 to 11:45 Slice 1 of robot competition and team judging\*
- 11:45 to 12:30 lunch
- 12:15 afternoon volunteer check-in
- 12:30 Slice 2 (60 minutes and 15 minute break) of robot competition and team judging\*
- 1:45 Slice 3 (60 minutes and 15 minute break) of robot competition and team judging.\* Judging is completed by 2:45.
- 3:00 Slice 4 (60 minutes and 15 minute break) of robot competition.\* Judges will meet and determine award category winners. Some teams may be called back by the judges.
- 4:00 Break and initial clean-up (10 minutes). Judges finalize deliberations and certificates are prepared.
- 4:10 Demonstration (10 minutes) by FIRST High School Robotics team.
- 4:20 Robot demonstrations by best performing and noteworthy robots.
- 4:30 Project presentation by selected team.
- 4:45 Introduction of each team. Teams bring up their robots for the group photo and participation awards.
- 5:00 Announce the winners
- 5:15 Ask for volunteers for next year. Thanks to the volunteers and Blach School.
- 5:20 Take down the room
- 5:30 Tear down squad closes the building.

\*Please see the detailed schedule for more information. Matches and Judging sessions start promptly.

**Coaches Meeting Before the Tournament:** At 8:40 at the competition tables we will have a coaches Q&A session with the referees to answer any questions about the missions and rules. While we cannot speak for the FLL rule guardians, we will do our best to interpret the rules and Q&As that have been published by the FLL.

**Tournament.** Each team will have one practice match and three scored matches in the schedule. During one round your team will be interviewed in the judging rooms on the other side of the Blach campus. We will shortly provide an announcement for details on the tournament and judging rules. A schedule showing the times for your matches will be provided at least a week before the tournament. However, please re-check the schedule on the day of the tournament in case there are last minute adjustments. It will be your team's responsibility to get to each of your events on time. If you find any problem in your schedule, alert Derek Witte, the Head Judge, Eitan Fensen, or the Scoring Coordinator, Steve Putz.

Between matches, teams are encouraged to work on their robots and use the practice fields. Please share the practice fields with the other teams and try to limit your use of a practice table to

five minutes if some other team wants to use it. Teams are responsible for restoring tables to competition-ready condition when their teams are done practicing. Please respect the practice tables as if they belonged to your team. Do not step on the tables and be careful to restore the loose pieces before you leave the practice area. Only team members are allowed in the practice area; no adults.

**No adults in the judging rooms.** The Judges are interested in learning what the **team members** have to say. **Coaches and Parents will not be allowed to watch.** Noise in the judging area has been a problem for the judges in the past so please be quiet outside of the judging rooms so as not to disturb the judging.

**Food:** No food or drinks (except water) is allowed inside the Multi Purpose room.

**Contact:**

For any last minutes questions please contact  
Derek Witte (650)-823-5181 [derek\\_witte@yahoo.com](mailto:derek_witte@yahoo.com)

**Food Available at the Tournament**

New Visions of Tomorrow will be providing snacks and lunch at the **tournament**. New Visions of Tomorrow is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of the blind and visually impaired youth through coordinating and hosting educational fun events, as well as fundraising for increased educational opportunities and community events. Their website is <http://www.newvisionsoftomorrow.org/>.

Hours: 10am - 4pm

Snacks: chips, donuts, fruit rolls, fruits

Drink: water, soft drinks

Lunch: Cheese, Pepperoni and Veggie Pizzas

Cheese Pizza: \$15 per pizza for orders placed Before **Nov 13**, \$3.00 per piece on **Nov 16**

Pepperoni Pizza: \$16 per pizza for orders placed Before **Nov 13**, \$3.00 per piece on **Nov 16**

Veggie Pizza: \$20 per pizza for orders placed Before **Nov 13**, \$4.00 per piece on **Nov 16**

The pizza is more expensive than last year because of price increases at Spot Pizza, especially on the veggie pizza.

We encourage pre-orders before **Nov 16**. This will help us coordinate the amount of pizza, and you will save money in the process.

To place orders before Nov 13, please send emails to Susie Zhao [szhao@hotmail.com](mailto:szhao@hotmail.com) with your team name and team number.

Payments, either by check or cash, will be picked up from your PIT area in the morning on Nov 16. Please make the payment to New Visions of Tomorrow if paid by check.