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Note: All times are listed in EDT

(1) Robofest World Championship Goes Online

Robofest is committed to completing the 2020 Robofest Season so we have officially announced that that in lieu of in-person competitions, we will be hosting the **2020 Robofest Online World Championship** events using Zoom Webinars. Tentative start time of each event is 12PM GMT (Greenwich Mean Time) and tentative dates are:

- Fri, Aug 28 Jr. UMC
- Sat, Aug 29 Sr. UMC
- Fri, Sep 11 Jr. & Sr. RoboArts
- Sat, Sep 12 Sr. & College RoboMed
- Fri, Sep 18 Jr. Exhibition
- Sat, Sep 19 Sr. Exhibition
- Fri, Sep 25 Jr. BottleSumo, Time Trial only
- Sat, Sep 26 Sr. BottleSumo CL and UL, Time Trial only
- Fri, Oct 2 Jr. Game, GolfBowl
- Sat, Oct 3 Sr. Game, GolfBowl
- Sat, Oct 10 Award Ceremonies

(2) Robofest Online World Championship (ROWC) Review Meeting Scheduled

On Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 8:00 am EDT (or GMT-4), we invite Robofest Site Hosts, International Site Directors and Coaches to review the plans for the ROWC. We will be setting up a Zoom Webinar to share the schedule, rule changes and updates for the events and invite feedback from the Robofest Community. A separate announcement with the registration information will be sent as well as posted to the Robofest website.

(3) Video Qualifiers Opportunity Extended

The due date for the USA Video Qualifier and International Video Qualifier submission has been extended to Monday **August 3, 2020** to allow teams to compete for a ticket to the rescheduled World Championship.

Teams currently registered for qualifiers that have been canceled may request to transfer their registration to USA or International Video Qualifier by indicating their choice in the "Robofest 2020 Registration Option" Survey by April 10: <https://forms.gle/YjAzYsBf4TYCKVTLA> New teams may also register.

Each registered team member will receive a participation medal and certificate and trophies will be awarded to the top 20% of Video Qualifier teams. We hope that teams will strongly consider transferring their 2020 registration to Video Qualifier.

(4) Game Field Kits Available for Teams That Transfer to Video Qualifier

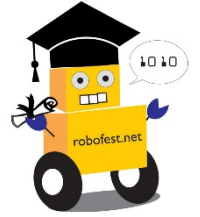
We will offer Game Field Kits (Hole-slot, templates and golf balls) at no charge to the first 15 Game Coaches that transfer their registration to a Video Qualifier. We just ask that you pay shipping. Please indicate your choice in the "Robofest 2020 Registration Option" Survey: <https://forms.gle/YjAzYsBf4TYCKVTLA>

(5) Free Robofest eAcademy Online Classes

New online classes have been added to Robofest eAcademy: 2020 Game using Vex IQ and RobotC language and 2020 BottleSumo using Vex IQ and RobotC language. There are also many EV3 classes available including 2020 Game, BottleSumo, and Exhibition. eAcademy classes have individual lessons, code samples, videos and tests for knowledge. More details can be found on the Robofest.net website under "Tech Resources>eAcademy" <https://robofest.net/index.php/tech-resources/eacademy>

(6) Robofest eAcademy Certification

To build on the Robofest eAcademy - a series of online classes developed by Robofest instructors, we are now offering EV3 Programmer Certification. To take the certification exam, you have to have an account on <https://www.schoolology.com/> and be enrolled in class code **QMKH-HZ3D-NW2KJ**. You then must score 90% or better on the first try of the 25-question certification test. We plan to add certification for other languages such as RobotC and Python in the near future. Complete details can be found on the Robofest.net website under "Tech Resources>Certifications" <https://robofest.net/index.php/tech-resources/certification>



(7) Coach Awards

We would like to acknowledge our coaches who have 5, 10, 15 and now 20 years with Robofest as a coach! To submit your name, please send an email to robofest@ltu.edu with the subject *Coach Award*. Please include the coach name, all coach ID's, and number of years coaching. We will recognize these dedicated coaches at the World Championship.

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