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**(1) Rules Clarification:**

Please see new file clarifying updating a few rules that have posted to the Robofest.net website on Game page at: <https://www.robofest.net/index.php/current-competitions/game>

**(2) 2017 Open Category Registration to open Monday, April 10:**

Registration will open at 3:00 pm Monday, April 10, 2017 for **US Teams** wishing to participate in the Open Category Events at the World Championship in St Pete Beach FL:

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| Robot Drawing Contest | June 1 | 1:30pm – 4:30pm  |
| RoboParade            | June 2 | 8:30am – 11:30am |
| Jr. & Sr. UMC         | June 2 | 12:30pm – 4:00pm |
| Jr. & Sr. BottleSumo  | June 2 | 5:00pm – 8:00pm  |
| Jr. & Sr. GRAF        | June 3 | 9:30am – 3:45pm  |
| Sr. & College Vcc     | June 3 | 9:30am – 3:45pm  |

World Championship schedule can be accessed at: <https://www.robofest.net/index.php/current-competitions/world-championship>

International teams who do not have a Robofest Director in their country may send an email requesting registration to [robofest@ltu.edu](mailto:robofest@ltu.edu). We have Robofest Directors in the following countries: Egypt, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Mexico, and South Africa.

**(3) Robofest 2017 Sponsors:**

A List of official Robofest 2017 sponsors can be found at: <http://www.robofest.net/2017/sponsors.htm>

Robofest 2016 would not be possible without the support from our generous sponsors: DENSO, Toyota, Lego Education, The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation, Robomatter, National Defense Industrial Association Michigan Chapter, IEEE Southeast Michigan Section and Region 4, RIIS Inc., Realtime Technologies Inc., Hanyang University, and Hyundai MOBIS.

World Championship Local Sponsors in Florida include: City of St. Pete Beach, Computer Learning Center, Neilsen, and IEEE Florida West Coast Chapter - Robotics & Automation Society.

Friends of Robofest include: [aramark.com](http://aramark.com), [homeAdvisor.com](http://homeAdvisor.com), [redfin.com](http://redfin.com), ART/DESIGN Group in Clawson, CJ Chung, and Howard Davis

**(4) Coach Awards:**

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

### **(5) Volunteers Wanted:**

Robofest qualifying competitions as well as the Michigan Championship event on May 13, are in need of volunteers. To sign up online, go to

<http://robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/YearLocationLookup.jsp>

You will see a list of sites with dates. Select a site, then click on New Volunteer Registration link. Thank you in advance for supporting Robofest!

### **(6) Robofest 2017 Important COMPETITION DATES:**

- Sunday, April 23, 2017 11:59 pm: US and International Video Qualifier Submission Deadline
- Sunday, April 30, 2017 11:59pm: US Video Screening for Winning Exhibition Deadline
- Saturday, May 13, 2017: Michigan Championship at LTU
- Thursday, June 1, 2017: World Championship Robot Drawing Contest in St. Pete Beach, FL
- Friday, June 2, 2017: World Championship RoboParade, WISER, BottleSumo, and Unknown Mission Challenge in St. Pete Beach, FL
- Saturday, June 3: World Championship Game, Exhibition & GRAF, and Vision Centric Challenge in St. Pete Beach, FL

### **(7) WISER Conference 2017:**

Call for participation is open for the 2<sup>nd</sup> World conference on Integrated STEaM Education through Robotics (WISER 17) June 2, 2017 in conjunction with World Robofest 2017.

Since robotics is all about STEM and art is tightly connected to all the S. T. E. M. components, interest in integrated \*STEaM learning through robotics\* has been increased. We would like to gather together to share experiences and knowledge and exchange ideas in Robotics education as well as educational robotics for the effective STEaM learning environment.

In addition, we would like to discuss how to advance robotics education and educational robotics for humanity through the STEaM learning paradigm. Visit <https://robofest.net/index.php/current-competitions/wiser> for more information or to submit an abstract.

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