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(1) [2023 Robofest Game Rules Finalized and Registration Open](#)

The 2023 General and Category rules have been modified slightly to add clarifications and FAQs. The updated versions have posted to the Robofest.net website. Game Judge training presentation slides and video recordings will be uploaded in early February. Click on the **Get Involved** tab and select either the **2023 Main Page** or specific category.

US and International Sites are still being finalized, but many of the sites are now open for team registration.

(2) [Pre-season Workshop Schedule](#)

Robofest Workshops are available at no cost to registered 2023 Teams. Workshops are held in the Robofest Lab on LTU's Campus. Robots and laptops are provided. We have several Robofest workshops coming up with capacity available.

Saturday, 1/28/23:

LEGO EV3 with Scratch (Game) 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon

LEGO Spike Prime/Robot Inventor with Scratch (Game) 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm

Saturday, 2/4/23:

NEW! AI/Machine Learning LEGO Spike Prime /Robot Inventor (Exhibition) 2:00 ~ 4:00 pm

Saturday, 2/25/23:

LEGO Spike Prime/Robot Inventor with Python (Game) - 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon

VEX IQ with VEX Code (Game) 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm

If you have new teams that are interested in participating in the Game or Exhibition qualifier categories, you can pre-register for a qualifier, even if you haven't decided which qualifier you want to attend.

(or pre-registration is open if you are undecided about a qualifier date), then sign up for a workshop:

<https://www.robofest.net/rms/SharedPagesServlet?cmd=getWorkshopsTable>

(3) Warmup Competition/Judge Training February 11

This event will be held on Saturday, Feb 11, 2023 from 1:00pm ~ 4:30pm in Room J234 in the Taubman Complex. We encourage all Michigan Site Hosts and Volunteer Game Judges to attend. Please register as a Judge in the Volunteer Registration System:

<https://www.robofest.net/rms/appPages/volunteerPages/index.jsp?siteID=1399>

We still have room for 1 Junior and 1 Senior Game team, so if you would like to participate, please send an email to spalonis@ltu.edu with the team ID from your qualifier registration. Check-in for registered teams begins at 1:00 pm and Judge training will start at 1:15 pm.

(4) 2023 Sponsor Form Available

Robofest would not be possible without the support from our generous sponsors. Thank you to all of our sponsors, past and present! If you would like to sponsor Robofest and have your name/organization included on all the Robofest marketing materials, please submit the Sponsorship Form:

<https://www.robofest.net/images/SponsorshipForm2023.pdf>

(5) In Search of 5, 10, 15 and 20 Year Coach Award Recipients

We would like to acknowledge our coaches who have coached Robofest teams for 5, 10, and 15 and 20 years! To submit your name, please send an email to robofest@ltu.edu with the subject *Coach Award*. Please include the coach name, coach ID (include all IDs used), and number of years coaching. We will recognize these dedicated coaches at the Robofest World Championship Awards Ceremony on May 13.

(6) MCWT \$750 Grants for All-Girl Robofest Teams in Michigan

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation, 19-year sponsor of Robofest, has increased their grant funding for the 2023 Robofest season, providing \$750 grants for up to ten Michigan all-girl Robofest Game and Exhibition teams. The application is open now and the deadline to apply is March 15, 2023. More information and the 2023 season application are posted on the MCWT webpage:

<https://mcwt.org/programs/list/K-12-Initiatives/ROBOTICS-GRANTS>

(7) Robofest Pen Pal Opportunity

To enhance the Spirit of Robofest for all participants, we are facilitating a new Pen Pal program. Robofest will pair up interested individuals or teams with one another so they may collaborate and build international network opportunities. Registration is open through the form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdsEMe5QZER0foK-VJs1rTWbDNMAYuVyTvrpemibQT01RpTeQ/viewform?usp=sharing>

(8) LTU Scholarship Opportunity for all Robofest Participants

High School students who have participated in Robofest at any time and who are planning to attend LTU in any program, can apply for a \$3,000 renewable scholarship (Total of \$12,000). Submit a 400-word essay describing your Robofest experience and your career goals, a letter of recommendation from one of your Robofest adult coaches or mentors, and the Scholarship Application by **April 1, 2023**. To find more information visit: https://www.ltu.edu/financial_aid/scholarships-freshmen.asp

(9) Seeking Site Hosts for 2023 Competitions – Final Call

Robofest will be accepting site host applications for the 2023 Competition Season for Robofest Game Qualifiers, Exhibition Qualifiers, BottleSumo (open event) and RoboParade (open event) for the 2023 season until January 31, 2023. Interested individuals, organizations, or schools should contact the Robofest office at spalonis@ltu.edu or visit <https://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts>

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