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Note: All times are listed in EST unless noted

(1) [Robofest World Championship Schedule Announced](#)

The Robofest World Championship Game and Exhibition Finals and Open Categories will be hosted on Lawrence Technological University's campus on May 11~13, 2023 with the following schedule.

- May 11: Jr BottleSumo (Group 1)
- May 12: Jr BottleSumo (Group 2), RoboParade, RoboMed, Unknown Mission Challenge, Sr BottleSumo Classic and Sr BottleSumo Unlimited
- May 13: Jr BottleSumo Final Match, RoboArts, Game Finals, Exhibition Finals

More details including start times and campus locations can be found on the schedule:

<https://www.robofest.net/images/2223/WC2023Schedule012723.pdf>

Registration will open at 3:00pm Monday, March 13, 2023 for US Teams wishing to participate in the Open Category Events. International teams who do not have a Robofest Director in their country may send an email to robofest@ltu.edu requesting registration.

Additional information regarding travel, nearby hotels and other important announcements will be posted on the World Championship page on the Robofest.net website, so check back often.

(2) **Michigan Invitational Events are scheduled to open Monday April 1**

These events, hosted in the LTU Robofest Lab, offers Game teams who do not advance from a Michigan Qualifier a second chance to compete. The 2023 Michigan Invitational Schedule is as follows.

- Junior Game at LTU:
 - April 21, 5:00pm ~ 9:00pm
 - April 22, 9:00am ~ 1:00pm
- Senior Game at LTU
 - April 22, 4pm ~ 8:00pm

(3) Video Qualifier and Video Screening for Exhibition Team Deadlines

- Video_Qualifier_USA and Video_Qualifier_International Game and Exhibition teams must upload a link to a video to the Team Registration page to be screened and scored by April 17.
- Exhibition trophy winners in all US competitions including Michigan must upload a link to a presentation video to the Team Registration page by April 17 to be screened before the World Championship. Teams that did not automatically advance may receive an invitation to the World Championship based on the video.

For more information, please see official rules on the Get Involved – 2023 Main page on the Robofest.net website.

(4) 2023 Robofest Final Rules and Game Judge Training available

The 2023 Game rules have been modified slightly to add clarifications and FAQs. The updated version has been posted to the Game page on Robofest.net website. A recording of the Game Judging Session and slides are also posted. All site hosts and volunteer judges should review the training.

(5) Team Registration is Still Open for Many Qualifiers

Please be sure to register your team for Qualifying and Open Competitions at local sites. Teams who do not have a local competition can also compete through the US and International Video Qualifier options for a chance to advance to the Robofest World Championship at LTU in May.

(6) 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>

(7) 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.

(8) MCWT \$750 Grants for All-Girl Robofest Teams in Michigan – LAST CALL

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>

(9) 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>

(10) 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

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