

## Robofest eNewsletter 09-09-22

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Note: All times are listed in EDT unless noted

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### **(1) Countdown to 2023 Season Kickoff**

October 1, 2022 - The Robofest 2023 Season International Game and General Rules will be released! We will host a series of kickoff meetings to review the rules for clarification prior to the initial US release in November and final release in January 2023. Links to the zoom webinars also posted on the 2023 Main Page:

The kickoff meetings will be held:

- Kickoff I: Friday, October 21, 2022: 9:00 am ~ 10:30 am EDT– Zoom Only ([Zoom Link](#))
- Kickoff II: Thursday, November 3, 2022: 7:00pm ~ 8:30pm EST– Local and Zoom ([Zoom Link](#))
- Kickoff III: Saturday, January 7, 2023: 11:00 am ~ 12:30 pm EST– Local and Zoom ([Zoom Link](#))

### **(2) Annual Report and Wrap Up Video Posted**

The 2021-2022 Robofest Annual Report, Analysis Report and Wrap Up Video have been posted to the “What’s New” section on the Robofest.net home page. We would like to thank everyone that made the past season a success and hope you enjoy reading and watching.

### **(3) Robofest Joins Institute of Competition Sciences**

Robofest has joined the Institute of Competition Sciences, a global network of educational competitions to help students and educators find tools to engage in learning in a variety of ways.

On October 12, 6:00 pm, ICS is hosting a “Robotics Competition Insider Webinar”. Dr. Christopher Cartwright and the Robofest staff will be participating with leaders from top robotic competition programs to share insider tips and information about how to do well in these incredible programs. This webinar is valuable for students who want to improve their skills in robotics competitions, teachers who want to increase engagement in robotics competitions in their classrooms or afterschool programs, and parents who want to help their kids gain the most of out their participation in these programs. This event will help anyone wanting more information about how to get started and succeed in robotics competitions. More information and free registration can be found at: <https://www.competitionsscience.org/events/robotics-competition-insider-webinar/>

### **(4) RoboParade at LTU on Oct 26**

We will be hosting a Halloween themed RoboParade Wednesday October 26, 2022 from 5:00 pm ~ 8:30 pm in Robofest Lab on LTU Campus in Southfield, Michigan. Teams of up to 5 students may participate in this fun autonomous parade event. Rules can be found on the [RoboParade](#) page. Team registration is open at [www.robofest.net](http://www.robofest.net).

### **(5) Robofest “Digital Pen Pal” Opportunity**

To enhance the Spirit of Robofest for all participants, we would like to facilitate a new “Digital Pen Pal” program. We will pair up interested teams with one another so teams may collaborate and build international network opportunities. More information and registration information will be announced at the Kickoff meetings and on the website after October 21.

## **(6) Robofest 2023 Season - IMPORTANT DATES**

- October 1, 2022: International Rules will be posted to website – International team registration begins
- November, 2022: US Registration opens – US Rules released
- Jan ~ Feb 2023: Technical workshops and webinars for teams
- Feb ~ April 2023: Qualifying competitions for Games and Exhibition in USA
- April 21 & 22, 2023: Michigan Invitational Qualifiers at LTU
- May 11-13, 2023: World Championship at LTU

## **(7) Seeking Site Hosts for 2023 Competitions**

Robofest is seeking site hosts for the 2023 Competition Season for Robofest Game and Exhibition Qualifiers as well as BottleSumo and RoboParade Open events for the 2023 season. We hope to have all sites registered and ready for team registration, which is set to open in early November 2022. Interested individuals, organizations, or schools should contact the Robofest office at [spalonis@ltu.edu](mailto:spalonis@ltu.edu) or visit

<https://robofest.net/index.php/for-site-hosts>

## **(8) Free Robofest eAcademy Online Classes**

Robofest eAcademy is a series of online classes developed by Robofest instructors. Courses are available for free to Robofest teams through the Schoology Learning Management system. Courses 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/eacademy/courses>

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