



Robofest eNewsletter 3-28-24

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Note: All times are listed in Eastern Time unless noted

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### **(1) LTU Robofest Scholarship Deadline April 1**

The deadline to apply for the Robofest Scholarship is Monday, April 1. Any participants who have competed at any time in any category may be eligible for the annual \$3,000 LTU Robofest scholarship. More details can be found on the LTU Scholarship page: <https://www.ltu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships-freshmen>

### **(2) Robofest World Championship Registration and Schedule**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Robofest World Championship Game and Exhibition Finals and Open Categories will be hosted on Lawrence Technological University's campus on May 9 ~11, 2024 with the following schedule:

May 9: Unknown Mission Challenge and Jr BottleSumo (Group 1)

May 10: Jr BottleSumo (Group 2), RoboParade, RoboMed, Sr BottleSumo Classic and Unlimited

May 11: Jr BottleSumo Final Match, Vision Centric Challenge, RoboArts, Game Finals, Exhibition Finals

Practice times, event start times and campus locations can be found on the schedule:

<https://www.robofest.net/images/2324/WC2024Schedule022124.pdf>

The Open Category Events registration is open for US Teams. Space is limited for some categories. International teams who do not have a Robofest Director in their country may send an email to [robofest@ltu.edu](mailto:robofest@ltu.edu) requesting registration or register directly.

Volunteer registration for all events will be open on Wednesday, April 3.

A few hotels in the local area have set aside rooms and rates for Robofest attendees. Links are posted on the World Championship page on the Robofest.net website. Check back often for other World Championship updates.

### **(3) Michigan Invitational Events to Open Monday, April 1**

Hosted in the LTU Computer Science Robotics Lab, these events offer Game teams who do not advance from a Michigan Qualifier a second chance to compete. The 2024 Michigan Invitational Schedule (updated) for Junior and Senior Divisions is as follows:

April 20, 9:00am ~ 1:00pm Junior and Senior Divisions

April 20, 2pm ~ 6:00pm Junior Division only

### **(4) 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 and Exhibition teams must upload a Code file to the folder provided to the coach in an email by 11:59 pm Monday, April 15.

Exhibition trophy winners in all US competitions including Michigan must have an uploaded presentation video to the Team Registration page by April 15 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 2024 Main page on the Robofest.net website.

#### **(5) MDE 99h Grants support 57 Robofest Teams**

Thanks to the Michigan Department of Education 99h Competitive Robotics Competition Grant, 57 Robofest teams have been recommended to receive funding, for a combined total of almost \$43,000. We hope that the new coaches that started a Robofest program at their school because of this funding find success this season. We hope to add many more teams to the list next year and in the years to come.

#### **(6) MCWT \$750 Grant awarded to 6 Robofest Coaches**

Thanks to our Gold Sponsor, the Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation, six Michigan coaches received \$750 grants for all-girl Robofest teams for the 2024 Robofest competitions.

#### **(7) In Search of 5-, 10-, 15- and 20-Year Coach Award Recipients – LAST CALL**

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](mailto: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 11.

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