

Robotics: Update on COVID-19 Season Impact

Will there be a season?

Absolutely! Just like the schools and school districts, FIRST Nevada has been making plans to have a **competitive season**. This includes guidance, training and events, with options for traditional in-person, remote and hybrid.

How can I coach?

As in our school and work lives, we recommend using **school-approved video conferencing apps** to facilitate team meetings.

How do we build a robot?

The number of small pieces makes cleaning the equipment difficult. We see **“equipment quarantine”** (isolation period between users to render any virus inactive) as viable alternative based on CDC guidance. Worst case, a team may need to designate a single builder, with others collaborating remotely.



Ages 12 – 18
Grade 7th – 12th

Are there other options?

Want to keep robotics at your school? FIRST has options, including the **Class Pack**. And, if you have a willing parent, you may be able to **“privatize” your team** for a season.

What can my team do without meeting in person?

So much! One of the best things about FIRST robotics program is that, as a **diverse endeavor**, there are a variety of activities — almost all of which **can be done without the team in the same physical space**. Examples include: game strategy, robot design (via sketches and CAD), programming (both pseudocode and coding), outreach (virtually, both locally and around the world), fundraising, drafting presentations, creating posters...

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Season



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When are the events?

The season starts on September 12th. However, all events in 2020, including the Kickoff and Scrimmage, will be virtual. Also, like the NIAA, the competition season has been pushed back to **late January to early March**. Even if you cannot start building until January, you can compete.



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