

TAPPS ROBOTIC RULES

1. School Participation

- 1.1. TAPPS member schools are eligible to participate in the annual TAPPS contest.
- 1.2. TAPPS does not require a school to compete in the FIRST in Texas FTC competition, but the school must be registered with FIRST headquarters.
- 1.3. If tournament entries allow, a school may enter more than one team as determined by TAPPS leadership.

2. TAPPS Requirements

- 2.1. Schools shall register for the event through the TAPPS defined entry process
- 2.2. Schools should be in compliance in the TAPPS Management System
 - 2.2.1. Robotics Selected as an activity
 - 2.2.2. School personnel - coaches and sponsors have completed the required steps
 - 2.2.3. Team(s) should be created in TMS
 - 2.2.4. Student eligibility rosters should be completed in TMS
- 2.3. There will be a fee charged for entry into the event as published on the TAPPS website and due at the time of competition.

3. Student Participation

- 3.1. Participating students must be full time day students at the TAPPS member school
- 3.2. Students must be in good academic standing at the TAPPS member school
- 3.3. Students must be registered and compliant in the TAPPS Management System (TMS).
- 3.4. Students not yet in High School may participate in accordance with TAPPS Fine Art governance

4. FIRST Registration

- 4.1. Teams must be registered with FIRST in Texas for the current competition season
- 4.2. Teams do not have to compete in a FIRST event to participate in the TAPPS competition
- 4.3. TAPPS reserves the right to allow unregistered teams on the basis of appeal and consideration by TAPPS leadership

5. Robot Specifications

- 5.1. TAPPS competition shall focus on the FTC challenge for the current school year as presented by FIRST.

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- 5.2. Robots must adhere to the specifications and requirements as published for the current school year by FIRST in Texas in the [Competition Manual](#).

6. Team Portfolio

- 6.1. Teams are required to present a portfolio for review during judge interviews
- 6.2. Teams shall prepare a portfolio detailing their build and season as required by the current school year rules published by FIRST in Texas.

7. Team Presentation to the Judges

- 7.1. Teams shall participate in the judge interviews on the day of the contest
- 7.2. The individual team shall determine who represents the team in the interviews
 - 7.2.1. Ten minutes of interview time is allotted per team.
 - 7.2.2. 5 minutes of presentation by the team
 - 7.2.3. 5 minutes of Q&A from the judges

8. Team Pit Areas

- 8.1. Teams are encouraged to decorate their pit areas in a manner representing the contest and their robot
- 8.2. Teams will be given a 10' x 10' area for their pit. Electrical outlets will be available. If applicable, teams from the same school will be placed next to each other.
- 8.3. Awards will be given for "Tech Haven"

9. Team Video

- 9.1. Teams will submit a short video that contains the elements shown below. The videos will be played during the morning in advance of the first round of play and possibly during awards.
- 9.2. The video elements shall include the following:
 - 9.2.1. Team Number
 - 9.2.2. Team Name
 - 9.2.3. School Name
 - 9.2.4. Introduction of
 - 9.2.4.1. Teacher / Sponsor
 - 9.2.4.2. Introduction of Team Members
 - 9.2.5. Team Sponsors
- 9.3. Video specs
 - 9.3.1. Video shall be between no longer than 30 seconds
 - 9.3.2. File shall be submitted in a mp4 format in advance of the contest date

10. Team / Team Member Conduct

- 10.1. Teams and team members shall act in a manner consistent with the TAPPS motto - "Competition with Honor".

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- 10.2. Teams and team members shall act in a manner consistent with the governance and expectations expressed in the current year rules presented by FIRST.
- 11. Awards
 - 11.1. TAPPS shall present a variety of awards at the conclusion of the contest
 - 11.2. Team should plan to attend the awards ceremony if possible
 - 11.3. Team awards are listed [HERE](#).

