



RCX Program Tournament Policy

The Host, referees, coaches, students and any volunteers who will make decisions at the tournament, should review the RCX General Rules, Annual Challenge Rules and Missions, RCX Program Tournament Policy and the RCX website "Q&A". The Annual Challenge Rules will override the RCX General Rules. The printed RCX General Rules and Annual Challenge Rules override the videos. The Q&A responses posted at the RCX website overrides all. Absent any formal document or website clarification, the Host of the Tournament, in collaboration with the Head Referee will make a final ruling.

The list below outlines a method to provide an equal and fair tournament for all students. The Host is encouraged to follow this list to the best of his/her ability. The State tournament will follow this list.

1. Daily schedule will be adjusted as necessary by the Tournament organizer to facilitate an efficient event.
2. The tournament consists of 3 Rounds. Each team will compete in a Match during each Round. The scores from each Match count separately. A Practice Round may be added or substituted. Clarify with Host.
3. Teams will NOT compete on the same Board twice.
4. Teams will NOT compete in Scoring Rounds against teams from their own school(if possible)
5. Teams will NOT compete in scoring rounds against the same opponent twice.
6. **Optional**, a team may be selected at random to compete against an unopposed team, as the "Wild Card". All team names within the same division are placed in a hat, and then one name is picked at random to compete against the unopposed team. This "Wild Card" team will compete and receive a 4th Scoring Round. The "Wild Card" may not be able to follow Rules 2, 3, 4, & 5. A team may be drawn as the "Wild Card" only one time during the tournament.
7. Each team must bring to the Match: a score sheet, team robot and all necessary attachments.

8. Only 2 team members may be at the Board at any one time. Team members may switch out during a Match.
9. The referee is responsible for scoring the performance of the robot at the end of the Match. NO coach/adult may question the referee. Designate one team member to be Captain. The Captain is responsible to review the score sheet with the referee at the end of the Match, ask questions about the results, and then take the score sheet to the score keeper. Once the Captain leaves the Board, no further adjustments may be made to the school sheet. NO Matches will be repeated if you lose your score sheet.
10. Should the referee question the team's robot, robot's performance, or other issues that arise, such issues will be resolved by involving the team coach and referring to the RCX "General Rules", any other RCX document, and/or Q&A. Changes to the robot may be required. If questions still remain, the tournament Host will render a final decision to rule in a manner that benefits the student and retains the overall integrity of the RCX Program.
11. Teams must follow the instructions of tournament volunteers and the referees before, during and after each round. This includes all areas of the building.
12. Teams, or team members, which violate Rule 11 may be asked to leave the Tournament facility. Teams may forfeit any awards earned. A final decision will be rendered by the Host and Head Referee after review of the Team, or team member's act.
13. Finally, this tournament is intended **FOR THE KIDS** to have fun and to learn from each other. We encourage the kids to engage with other team members to share what they have learned and to volunteer help to other teams which need assistance.

Thank you to the Coaches and Parent volunteers for the time spent with our kids.

