November 30, 2017

Hello Championship Teams:

Congratulations on advancing to the Northern Indiana Championship Tournament on Dec. 9th! We are looking forward to seeing all of you next week!

All coaches should have confirmed their attendance by following directions in the letter given to you at your qualifier or sent to you from your QT director regarding the championship. All of the packet documents are posted at the Championship website:

Northern Championship Website: www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fll

We will be updating that site between now and through the tournament so check it every once in a while.

Here is important information:

1) Please remember to bring your Core Values Poster: last year several teams forgot them. You will still be doing your presentation with or without the poster. It is considered a visual aid to help support the team but it is still something that all judges will be looking for at the event. If it is forgotten you will proceed and explain what it had on it to the judges anyway.

2) Food: I would like to clarify food so everyone knows what is happening and can pre-plan. We DO NOT take food orders or add extra orders. We order enough food for teams based on the information you submitted when you confirmed attendance. We make arrangements for the official team members and all teams receive the same things. All team members and each of the two coaches will receive two concession tickets. One is a “snack ticket” and the other is a drink ticket. Use these at your discretion. The concession stand is open from 9:00 until 2:30. Between 11 and noon we will announce lunch and provide each team with a bag that contains a turkey subway sandwich and bag of chips for each team member and each of the two coaches. These are 1/3 of a 12 inch sub (i.e. 4 inch sub). No cheese or condiments are on the sandwich. If your team needs additional lunch items please plan ahead to bring something. Between 3:30 and 4:00, we will have pizzas for the team. Each team will receive 2 pizzas. We hope this will help everyone for their food needs but if special food is needed or more food, please plan accordingly.

3) Team members: FIRST LEGO League states that there is a 10 team member maximum on a team. That is the number we plan for at the championship. We understand that there may be others involved with your team (siblings, friends, etc. but we follow these rules exactly at the tournament). Only those team members on the official team roster will be allowed to go in the judging rooms (and all team members must be in the judging sessions to be eligible for awards). Only those team members will be there at the robot table for robot game competition. Only those team members will receive the official championship medals and be in any pictures of the team when they win an award. If you have had other children helping or stopping into your team meetings, they may come as observers and be in the stands to cheer on the team. They cannot be at the pit table with the team helping prepare anything. The pit area is already “tight” with many team members and adding additional children creates an over-crowding situation that could potentially put everyone at risk if an emergency arises (i.e. OSHA guidelines)

As a Championship Tournament we must adhere to FIRST LEGO League team composition rules and so please be aware of these guidelines and plan accordingly. We do not want to have to disqualify any team for not following team composition rules!

I wanted to share this information with all of you now so you can prepare well for the tournament to have a great time! Be looking for other reminders and updates next week.

Thanks coaches and teams...have fun preparing and practicing!

Your Northern Championship Tournament Committee