Hello Indiana Championship Teams:

Once again congratulations on advancing from your tournament to the FLL Championship this weekend!

We are counting down the days and look forward to hosting the tournament for all of you. We hope you will have fun, learn a lot, meet new people and enjoy cheering on the teams! Please review the team list on the Championship website for correct names, spellings, cities: www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fll

Great news! Indiana has been invited to send our Championship Team to the World Festival in St. Louis this year!

Other great news...there will be a FIRST ROBOTICS (FRC) team there to display their robot and also an FRC robot for your teams to see and try out.

There are some last minute news, reminders and some answers to questions that have come in so please review the following information:

1) **Extension of deadline for: Against all Odds submissions and Registration Payment**: We will continue to accept both of these up to tomorrow close of business (5:00 pm EDT). Include FLL team number on all correspondence and payments.

2) **Reminder: Championship Video Orders**: We will continue to take these orders before, during, and after the tournament up until the holiday break on December 18th. The Championship video is schedule this year to be completed by the first week of February (they promised me)! It will include: opening ceremony, dance party montage, all of round 3, closing award ceremony (abbreviated version). We are offering only a thumb drive this year as the video is much better quality in that version than when compressed into a DVD. It can be downloaded into your computer or a blue ray disk. Include team number on call correspondence.

3) **Coach Meeting questions**: We want to try something new...if you have some questions you plan to ask in that short meeting, please send them to me. We will have one of our two head referees there but the other, Shane Pickett, will not be there until later that day. To help us get answers to your questions in advance, you may send me a short, clear question and we will try to get them covered during this short meeting so all can hear (not in an email). We will start the coach meeting promptly at 8:00 AM

4) **The following information can be found in your tournament information sheet** (if you lost it is posted on the Indiana Championship website at: www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fll):
   a. **Time limits** for each of the judging session are in the tournament information sheet
   
   b. **Food Information**: Team members and each of the 2 coaches receive two concession tickets for a drink and snack. The Concessions will be open from 8 until 3:00; no hot dogs this year. For lunch each team member and 2 coaches will receive a half of a turkey sub sandwich with bag of chips (use your concession drink ticket if you like for lunch); after robot rounds are concluded each team will receive 2 pizzas. For any special or restricted food needs of team members (allergies or otherwise) please have them bring
a lunch. If the amount listed is not adequate for your team please pre-plan some extra food. Additional food can be bought from multiple fast food restaurants within 5 minutes of campus including: Wendy’s, Jimmy Johns, Subway, McDonalds, Taco Bell, etc. The campus cafeteria will not be open. We do not plan a specific lunch time but ask that you eat when your schedule allows. Teams will most likely not have time to go out but someone can bring them additional food.

c. **“Down time”**: Each team will have some down time between judging sessions. We try to complete all judging sessions in the morning before robot game time so you can concentrate on those sessions first. This does cause some time to fill so team members can bring something to do at their pit table locations. **NO PAINT, PERMANENT MARKERS PLEASE AS THESE CAN DAMAGE THE MAT FLOOR OF THE FIELD HOUSE.**

d. **Parking locations**: reminder not to park in Lot 14 right in front of the field house especially buses. This is reserved for athletics who are graciously loaning us their entire field house facility for two full days (preparation day and the event day). Others will be using this facility for athletic purposes so we ask teams not to park in that lot and to share with parents to honor this request.

e. **JrFLL Expo**: we do have space for some JrFLL teams to display in the morning. If you have a team and would like to bring them, please let us know ASAP.

5) **Check the Championship List Immediately**. We are posting the team list on the Indiana Championship website under Championship section. Please check the list for correct spelling of all names and also for correct city. This is what will appear in the program and was based on your championship registration. Notify me of any corrections by 4:00 today before it goes to print.

6) **Wireless**: Coaches will receive a wireless log in and passcode in their packets

7) **Live Streaming**: As soon as I have the URL for the live stream on Saturday of the robot games, I will get that out to all of you.

8) **Some questions and answers about robot game below:**

Robot Game Questions that have come in…

Q What size are the wood parameters that surround the competition field at the championship?

A When measured on the outside the wood parameters that are attached to the "floor" of the competition field are 3 and 1/4 inches. All tables are approximately the same.

Q How tall are the tables?
A The height of the tables are a standard table height as the competition table "tops" rest on top of the same tables used for the pit locations.

Q How many game tables?
There will be 6 (3 sets of 2) competition tables. Teams will use 3 of them for their 3 robot matches.

Q Can other team members hold attachments if they are not at the table?
A The Information Sheet says no but the head referee has said if the attachments are all in a box (not held individually by team members) and shown to the referees, that will be fine. The disadvantage of having them on the sidelines is that in the case of some rounds the team is not closely standing right behind the two team mates up at the table. There may be a table length between them.

See pictures from last year for an idea of set up non the championship website.
www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fll

Good luck everyone and see you on Saturday!!
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