2019 VEX-IQ Qualifier at Burr Ridge Middle School

Important Information

Website: https://www.robotevents.com/robot-competitions/vex-iq-challenge/RE-VIQC-19-8999.html

Venue: The school address is Burr Ridge Middle School 15W451 91st St, Burr Ridge, IL 60527

Date: February 8, 2020 Saturday

Time: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pit area: Gym and Cafeteria. For loading and unloading only – go through Gym everyone will have a round table. No need to bring any chairs or extra tables. We do not have any extra space. Please do not bring mat and setup.

Robot Game Area: Gym

Judging Area: Gym

Arrival: Upon arrival, please unload your vehicle and bring all items needed into the school. Your team will have a pit table in the Gym/Cafeteria labeled with your team name and number on it. You can ask team members to find the pit table and begin placing team items there. We recommend bringing a large tote or bag to put coats and jackets in underneath the team pit table.

Parking: Parking is available only in the lot off of the 91st street. Please do not park in the area that is marked by red color.
Entrance is marked by the Green arrow. Please step-in first to register your team and then head towards unloading your equipment (the door is marked by magenta arrow). You can bring your vehicle near to the door to load/unload your equipment and remove your vehicle once you are done.



Registration Table

Next to the entry doors there will be a registration table set up. One coach should check the team in at registration first thing in the morning.

- Coaches must finish consents forms for all participants before-hand if possible at the robotevents.com.
- Please make sure all students have completed the required consent form. I've attached a copy in this email. You can scan and email them to me in advance or bring them to the tournament. I ask that each coach submit all forms for their teams as one bundle either at the day of the tournament or via email. If you wish to upload them to the REC site, please make sure to confirm that they did upload to the correct team(s). Bill Ryno indicated that one keystroke error results in a form lost in cyberspace.

Your team will receive a packet with:

- Your team schedule
- pizza order – please let me know the quantity and choices, if you want to order pizza (Thursday CBD) email me your choice. $15 (for Large pizza with 2-3 toppings)

Practice Tables: We will need three teams to volunteer to bring their Field set (NOT the elements!) for use on one of the Practice Tables. Please send a message to me at yourstembuddy@gmail.com.

ALL TEAMS MUST BRING THEIR REQUIRED MATERIALS.
Practice tables will be set up in the gym with a self-service reservation board. Please move your team marker into position to reserve your 1 minute time slot. Please adhere to the reservation schedule in observation of gracious professionalism. Once you have used your current time slot you may place your team marker on another time slot to reserve it. Please do not use more than two consecutive slots.

We will have five to six fields set up: Two for Team Alliance (and also used for Skills before the start of team alliances), an additional field designated solely for Skills, and two practice fields. Our space is tight, and we can't accommodate any other fields. Thus, teams- please do not bring your field to set up for the practice.

Lunch: We have scheduled a 30-minute lunch break (primarily because last year our referees and technology staff didn't eat all day). With that said, we do have some snack, coffee, and pizza service. I'd appreciate if we can minimize the mess so that my custodians don't have a massive clean-up job. Also, please make sure to have your students bring water/beverages. We do not have a soda machine available.

Seating for Parents/Audience: We have bleacher seating for over 200 people. So, I believe that should be adequate. But, you may want to tell your parents that it's bleacher seating. I know that can be rough on the back after a while.

General Rules: Teams members should be setting up their own presentations, carrying the robot, programming the robot throughout the day. Coaches or other adults who are observed over-participating will be warned. A second infraction could cause the team to be penalized (core values infraction causing loss of ability to win awards or advance). Everyone wants teams to do well. This is not a competition between adults. Let the students be in charge of their learning, so that they can get the most from their experience.

Teams must stay until the closing ceremonies in order to receive their awards. If a team member is not able to be present, or must leave due to illness, please be sure to collect for them afterwards.

General Day Outline

Teams arrive 7:30 – 8:00am
Setup Pit, Coach Signs in Team at Registration
Review Team Schedule, share with team
Select a Practice table time slot
Get robot and remote ready for practice run

Coaches turn in Pizza orders with payment by 9:00am to Registration table
Opening Ceremonies - all teams present in Gym 9:15am
Robot Rounds (gym) and Judging Begin after opening ceremonies
Lunch break for all from 12 – 12:30
Robot Rounds and Judging continues to about 1pm and qualification and practice will end by 2pm
Teams pack up pits and move items to their vehicles
2:45 pm VEX-IQ Awards begin

Coach Tips: Downtime is a good time to practice presentations, watch other team robot rounds, and have a snack. Be sure team members bring some money for the concessions that benefit the MySTEMbuddy for pay rentals, awards, and incidentals Program.
Take pictures or ask another parent too. These will become priceless as the years go by!
Be sure the team has all the materials they need for the day. Pack the car mostly the night before. VEX-IQ Robots should not be left in very cold vehicles overnight as it can affect the batteries.

Team information Sheet
Please bring 4 hard copies: one for each judging session and one spare.
Please review the Quick Reference Guides for Judging and Robot Game Rounds before the Qualifier.
Schedules given the day of the event will supersede the schedule listed in this document.
If you have a question, please let me know: (Kamlesh Suthar) yourstembuddy@gmail.com