

SOUTHERN CROSS REGIONAL SITE AND COVID INFORMATION

March 10 - 13, 2022

Event Location

WIN Sports & Entertainment Centres
Corner Crown & Harbour Streets
Wollongong, NSW 2500 Australia

Event Info: <https://firstaustralia.org/>

Venue Website: <https://wsec.com.au/>

COVID Information – as of 3/1/2022: For more information, please see pages 3 and 4 of this document.

NOTE: The event site will not accept or store team robots or toolboxes.

Site Restrictions

Please read the following restrictions and adhere to them in order to promote an orderly, safe, pleasant, and exciting competition. As a group, we all should honor agreements with the venue and help promote the spirit of good partnership.




Please:




- **Do not use skateboards or 'hoverboards'**. This is a safety concern.
- **Do not wear roller-skates or roller shoes.** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use drones.** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not bring bottled gas tanks (e.g. helium).** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use noisy devices**, such as floor stompers, whistles and/or air horns.
- **Do not** arrange for Internet access or phone lines from venue service providers or attempt to use venue internet connections reserved for event purposes (e.g., FMS or streaming).
- **Do not sell any products.** This includes food, hats, shirts or any promotional products.
- **Do not distribute any food products**, such as candy, water, soft drinks or fruit.
- **Do not sell raffle tickets.**
- **Do not use walkie-talkies.**
- **Do not invite or bring live bands to play in the audience.** This dilutes the presentation on the playing field and is too loud and confusing for the audience.
- **Do not play loud music in the Pit** because it interferes with important announcements. If a team receives more than a warning or two, the power to the team Pit will be shut off and/or the music device confiscated.
- **Do not form "tunnels"** during the Awards Ceremony. This can cause discomfort to those traveling through them and creates safety issues.
- **Do not save seats.**

Additional Information:

- **Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.**
- **Dress appropriately – Avoid risqué clothing**
- **Safety glasses must be worn by all (team members and visitors) in the pits.**
- **Open-toed shoes are not allowed.**

The health and safety of *FIRST* teams, volunteers, and staff are our top priority. The following safety measures are in place for the event to comply with the latest public health orders. These measures may be updated as new information becomes available.

<p>Attendees</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Attendees are advised to follow all event signage regarding entry into team pits, viewing stands, and other designated spaces. ❖ All attendees may be required to scan a Service NSW QR code upon entry to the facility. More details will be available at the event.
<p>Daily Health Screening</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Do not come to the event if you have even the mildest of symptoms or are in any way unwell; consult NSW Health advice on COVID-19 symptoms and how it spreads for more details. ❖ It is your personal responsibility to consider the wellbeing of others with whom you may come in contact with at the event. We encourage the use of Rapid Antigen Testing to help you make an informed decision about coming to the event. ❖ Teams need a plan to handle illnesses that arise during the event. ❖ Volunteers who are ill should notify the event's volunteer coordinator and not come to the event venue.
<p>Personal Protective Equipment</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Face masks are required while on the main floor of the area (pit area, competition field, machine shop, etc) and in the volunteer room. They must be worn correctly, covering both the nose and mouth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptions will be made for those with a valid exemption. Event staff will need to sight the exemption every day of the event, and will provide an identifier. The identifier must be visible at all times while on the main floor. ❖ Face masks are strongly encouraged everywhere else in the venue. ❖ Teams must bring an adequate mask supply for their members. ❖ All attendees are required to bring their own personal safety glasses; there will be no on-site safety glasses to borrow. ❖ Each team should bring their own safety glass cleaning supplies; anti-fog spray is also recommended.

<p>Physical Distancing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Whenever possible, avoid close contact with others, especially people from other teams, and maintain a distance of 1.5m or more. ❖ There should not be any hand shaking, high fives, etc. during the event, including the alliances standing behind the drivers' stations. ❖ Teams are encouraged to allow extra space between individuals and teams in the pits, stands and eating areas. ❖ When possible, volunteer meal times may be adjusted to allow more distancing in the volunteer lounge.
<p>Cleaning</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Teams should bring their own cleaning supplies and follow their team/school's procedures for cleaning and use of shared items. ❖ Frequent hand washing with soap and water, or hand sanitizer, is encouraged. ❖ Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the venue for all attendees. ❖ Sanitizing wipes will be available for event volunteer use in the volunteer lounge, pit area, and field area. ❖ Volunteers will be cleaning driver stations between matches. ❖ Volunteers will be providing hand sanitizer to drive teams before field load-on.
<p>Vaccinations</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ We strongly encourage all attendees to get vaccinated if they have not already done so and to get their booster shot as soon as they are eligible.