

ARIZONA NORTH REGIONAL SITE AND COVID INFORMATION

March 9 - 12, 2022

Event Location

J. Lawrence Walkup Skydome - Northern Arizona University

1701 S. San Francisco Street

Flagstaff, AZ 86011

Phone: 1-928-523-3449

Website: <http://www.nauathletics.com/information/facilities/skydome>

COVID Information – as of 2/15/22: For venue-related COVID-19 information please visit <https://nau.edu/coronavirus/>. For the event COVID-19 policies and questionnaire please check pages 3-5 of this document.

Parking:



Robot Drop Off:

Loading Dock/rear doors of Walkup Skydome

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 advise your guests of the rules so they are not embarrassed or in violation of important restrictions.

Please:

- **Do not use skateboards or 'hoverboards'.** 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 outside food or drink products inside the stadium,** such as candy, soft drinks or fruit. There will be food service and concessions available on-site.
- **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.**



COVID-19 Policies & Plan

2022 FIRST® FORWARDSM season

The Arizona Regional Planning Committee and *FIRST*[®] recognize that the health and safety of *FIRST* teams, volunteers, and staff must be our top priority. We are following guidelines from state and county health departments, the CDC, and local school districts regarding COVID-19. Decisions regarding event planning are made based on the guidance and policies as established by community and public health officials; by the venues hosting our events, and in the spirit of *Gracious Professionalism*[®].

Gracious Professionalism[®] is part of the ethos of *FIRST*. It's a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. These policies may be more stringent than the precautions that your team or family observe, but the large number of attendees at the competition requires a higher level of mitigation measures. *Showing respect for the health and safety of all participants at the event - team members, volunteers, event staff and visitors - exemplifies the spirit of Gracious Professionalism*[®].

We know that teams and volunteers have questions about what 2022 events will look like and we are sharing the information that we do know *at this time*. Information will be updated as it becomes available, so check back for updates.

- **Face masks are required for all individuals in attendance at all times when inside the event venue regardless of vaccination status**, except when eating or drinking. Face masks should be worn correctly, covering both the nose and mouth. Teams must bring an adequate supply of masks for all participants. All other attendees must bring their own supply of face masks sufficient for the duration of the event.
- Face shields, bandanas, single-layer gaiters and masks with exhalation valves are NOT considered effective PPE for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. These items should not be worn at the event.
- Program-specific personal protective equipment rules, including those around safety glasses and closed toe shoes, will be enforced as usual. All participants are expected to bring their own personal safety glasses; there will be limited on-site availability. In addition, every team should bring their own safety glass cleaning supplies. Anti-fog spray also is recommended to help prevent fogging of glasses. Other safety measures are included in the *FIRST* Safety Manual.
- All participants and visitors are advised to follow all event signage regarding entry into event pits, viewing stands, and other designated spaces. **The Arizona Regional Planning Committee may restrict entry into the event pits to reduce crowding and create the best possible experience for all participants.** The Committee may also restrict overall venue and event access to participating teams and mentors only, should health and safety conditions necessitate this additional step.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Venue Entry & Pit Restrictions



Daily Health Screening

Do not come to the event if you are sick or if you have been in contact with someone who is sick.

All attendees should follow the rules established by their local health authorities. Please see the event Daily Health Screening (separate document) for the recommended daily health screening.

- Mentors & volunteers must verify that anyone travelling with their team has passed a health screening each day of the event. The team's travel mentor or primary/lead mentor must not allow anyone who fails this health screening to enter the event venue.
- Teams need a plan to handle illnesses that arise during the event, including failure to pass the daily health screening. For example, the plan should include logistics to seek medical help, and to send an ill person home or isolate the ill person away from the event venue. Any individual supervising an ill student should be an adult over the age of 18 and graduated from high school.
- Volunteers must perform a daily health screening before coming to the venue. If a volunteer does not pass the daily health screening or is otherwise ill, they must notify the event's volunteer coordinator(s) and not come to the event venue.

Teams

- ***Whenever possible, everyone should avoid close contact with others, especially people from other teams, and maintain a distance of 6 feet or more.***
- There should not be any shaking of hands, 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 mealtimes will be adjusted to allow more distancing in the volunteer lounge.

Event Volunteers

- Teams should bring their own cleaning supplies and follow their team's and school's procedures for cleaning and use of shared materials and tools.
- Frequent hand washing with soap and water, or hand sanitizer, is encouraged.
- Sanitizing wipes and hand sanitizer will be available for event volunteer use in the volunteer lounge, pit area, and field area.
- Current AZDHS guidelines state the following about its cleaning protocols: "*Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.*" As the date of the event nears, specific cleaning protocols may change based on public health guidance.

Physical Distancing

- ***At this time, the Arizona Regional Planning Committee does not require event attendees to be vaccinated.*** FIRST believes that the best path toward ending the COVID-19 pandemic—and having a successful season—is through vaccination. FIRST strongly recommends everyone who is eligible consult with their physician and be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with booster shots if applicable, prior to attending the event.

Cleaning

Vaccinations

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AZ North & AZ Valley Regionals

Updated: **2/14/2022**

COVID-19 DAILY HEALTH SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

AZ North & AZ Valley Regional FIRST ® Robotics Competitions

Do you agree to the statement below?

I am feeling well. I have not had any of the symptoms below in the past 5 days.



Fever of 100 degrees or greater



Chills



Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing



Fatigue (new or severe)



Any of the following not due to a chronic condition

- Cough
- Congestion or runny nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea/vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell

I have not been in close physical contact with anyone with these symptoms, or a COVID-19 case, in the past 5 days. I have not been informed by my medical provider that I have COVID-19 in the past 5 days. I have not had a positive test result in the past 5 days. I have been as safe as possible.

If you “disagree” with any of the above, you may not be allowed to enter the event and can schedule a COVID-19 test by visiting the AZ Department of Health Services [Get Tested site](#).