

CANADIAN PACIFIC REGIONAL SITE AND COVID INFORMATION

March 3 – 5, 2022

Event Location

Save-on-Foods Memorial Centre
1925 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8T 4J2
Canada

Event website: <https://firstroboticsbc.org/event/canadian-pacific-regional/>

Venue website: <http://sofmc.com/>

COVID Information – as of 2/15/22: Event COVID-19 policy located on pages 3-6 of this document.

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

PARKING:

The parking lot at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre is run by Robbins Parking. A rate of \$15.00 per stall is charged during concerts/events/hockey games. Spaces are available on a first come first served basis, with no in-out privileges. You may access the parking lot from either Caledonia Street or Pembroke Street. Additional parking lots can be found in the area surrounding the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre.

Robbins Parking has also introduced the mobile payment option for the lot at the Save-On-Foods Memorial Centre via the HONK Mobile app. Within this program, a limited number of reserved spots will be available for each event. The fee for a reserved spot will be \$20.25. [Click here](#) for information on this option.



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 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.**

COVID Event Policy for *FIRST* Robotics British Columbia In-Person Events.

General Precautions

All restrictions made by the BC Health Officer (as shown here <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/covid-19/info/response>) will apply, as will any restrictions set by the local health area or the venue.

Vaccination Policy

Throughout the pandemic we have placed the health and safety of everyone in the *FIRST* community at the forefront of our planning. Ensuring high rates of vaccination remains one of the most important ways we can protect public health.

The Delta and Omicron variants, along with rising infection rates in the broader community, have informed the decision by *FIRST* Robotics British Columbia to institute a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy for all attendees of any in-person indoor *FIRST* Robotics British Columbia event held in British Columbia.

All attendees who are eligible and able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine must present proof of full vaccination, as per the Government of British Columbia's Public Health Order. This is required to be checked via QR code

Checking Vaccinations

Verifying proof: SOFMC exclusively uses the BC Vaccine Card Verifier app in order to scan the barcodes to confirm proof.

- After verifying proof of vaccination, we also review ID. In reviewing ID, we match the name listed on the BC Vaccine Card or other form of proof of vaccination with the person we're verifying. Do not need to check ID for youth aged 12 to 18. Some people may have their legal name on their vaccine card and a preferred or common name on their ID. We may also ask for a secondary piece of ID and use discretion.
- **People from other Canadian provinces** or territories must show provincially/territorially officially recognized vaccine record and valid government photo ID
- **International visitors** must show proof of vaccination they used to enter Canada (like ArriveCAN) and passport
- Accepted forms of valid government photo ID: B.C. driver's license or BC Services Card or Passport

Health Check

Anyone experiencing symptoms that could be related to COVID-19 (listed below) should not enter the venue. Should you begin to feel sick during the event, you should notify the event director. You will be directed to an area separated from the event.

- Fever and/or chills
 - o Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and/or chills
- Cough or barking cough (croup)
 - o Continuous, more than usual, making a whistling noise when breathing (not related to asthma, post-infectious reactive airways, or other known causes or conditions you already have)
- Shortness of breath
 - o Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply (not related to asthma or other known causes or conditions you already have)
- Decrease or loss of taste or smell
 - o Not related to seasonal allergies, neurological disorders, or other known causes or conditions you already have
- Tiredness
 - o Unusual, fatigue, lack of energy (not related to depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction, or other known causes or conditions you already have)
- Muscle aches
 - o Unexplained, unusual, or long-lasting (not related to sudden injury, fibromyalgia, or other known causes or conditions)

Personal Protective Equipment

All event staff, volunteers, spectators and participants must wear a face mask when inside the event venue, except when eating or drinking. Anyone eating or drinking should be seated before removing their mask.

Face masks must be worn correctly, covering both the nose and mouth.

The following mask types are NOT approved for use at this event:

- Cloth masks with exhalation valves or vents since they allow respiratory droplets containing the virus to escape.
- A face shield used alone without a face mask
- Loose mesh
- Neck-gaiters
- Bandanas
- Scarves
- Ski masks
- Balaclavas
- Plastic or other non-breathable materials as a face mask

Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the venue and should be used frequently.

Social Distancing

Whenever possible, everyone should avoid close contact with others, especially people from other teams, and maintain a distance of 2 m or more.

There should not be any shaking hands, high fives, etc. during the event.

Extra spacing should be provided between team pit areas, and seating arrangements in the stands and eating areas should provide for extra space between individuals and between teams.

Pit Areas

Team pit areas will be spaced approximately 2m apart. Teams will be limited to 8 members in the pit area at any given time. Aisles will be sized appropriately to allow for distancing. Attendees are not permitted to enter the pits of other teams.

Wrist bands will be provided to each team to limit the number of students and mentors in the pit area. Only those wearing a wrist band will be allowed into the pit or field area. Wrist Bands will be Silicone to allow them to be passed to members that need to be in the pits.

Stands

The stands will be divided into a number of sections equal to the number of registered teams at the event, with each section spaced approximately 2m apart. Teams will be randomly assigned to these sections at check-in. Teams may request accessible seating in advance of the event. Team members will be required to only be in their designated team section while in the stands. Attendees are not permitted to enter the team section of other teams. As always, loitering in the aisles is not permitted.

Queuing

Floor markings will be used to ensure distancing between teams in the queuing line.

Spectators

Spectators will not be allowed at the Canadian Pacific Regional. All attendees must be registered on a team roster, a volunteer, a *FIRST* Staff member or invited VIP.

Surface Sanitization

High-touch surfaces will be sanitized at least once a day with disinfecting wipes. Specific items/rooms may have a more frequent sanitization schedule, especially areas where food/beverages are being consumed. Examples of high-touch surfaces include but are not limited to: pens, tables, doorknobs, handles, desks, scoring computer keyboard, phones, referee tablets.

Signage at events

Posters, signs and collateral communication products will be available at entrances and other strategic locations at events informing attendees of important FIRST Robotics British Columbia COVID-19 policy and procedural information. Posters and signs will include information on:

- Vaccine requirements of attendees
- COVID screening questions
- PPE requirements (eg: face mask required when indoors, safety glasses in designated areas, etc.)
- Personal hygiene reminders (ie: hand washing/sanitizing)
- Physical distancing reminders
- COVID safety reminders in designated areas (eg: where consuming food or drink, rooms with capacity limits, etc.)
- Pedestrian traffic flow

Consent and Release

A completed and signed FIRST Consent and Release Form for BC is required for all attendees, including but not limited to event staff, volunteers, coaches, mentors, students, and spectators. The primary coach will provide the completed and signed Consent and Release Forms for their team and any team coaches and mentors at team check-in or online before the event.

Fill out the Waiver at the link below

[Waiver Canadian Pacific Regional](#)