

MINNESOTA NORTH STAR REGIONAL

APRIL 6 – 9, 2022

EVENT LOCATION

3M ARENA AT MARIUCCI/UNIV OF MN
1901 4TH STREET SE
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55455 USA

Event Info Website: <https://firstuppermidwest.org/minneapolis-regionals/>

Venue Website: <https://gophersports.com/sports/2018/5/21/facilities-mariucci-arena-html.aspx>

Airport: [Minneapolis Airport](#)

Public Transportation: [Bus or Light Rail](#)

COVID-19 INFORMATION – updated as of 3/14/2022 – For more information, please see pages 2 and 3 of this document.

NOTE: The 3M Arena at Mariucci 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.**
- **Do not wear open-toed shoes.**

Additional Information:

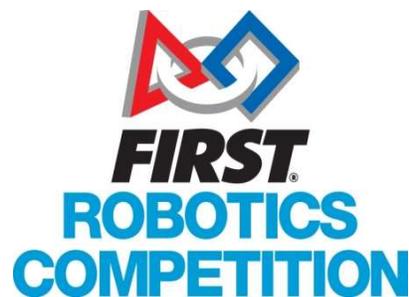
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Safety glasses must be worn by all (team members and visitors) in the pits.

2021-2022 FIRST® FORWARDSM season

COVID-19 Policies & Plan

Minnesota North Star and Minnesota 10,000
Lakes Presented by Medtronic Minneapolis, MN

Update: 03/14/2022



The Minneapolis 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. *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*®.

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- **Face masks are recommended but not required for all individuals in attendance** when inside the event venue. *Unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to continue wearing face coverings when they cannot practice physical distancing. Attendees may choose to wear a face covering at any time.*
 - Program-specific personal protective equipment rules, including those around safety glasses, 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](#).

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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 individuals 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.

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- 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

Teams

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.

Event Volunteers

- ***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.

Physical Distancing

- 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.
- The University of Minnesota is continually updating its cleaning protocols. In all University facilities there are *“stringent cleaning protocols, including frequent wiping and disinfecting of touch points (door handles, elevator buttons, handrails, restroom stall doors and sinks). Hand sanitizer stations are supplied throughout facilities.”* As the date of the event nears, specific cleaning protocols may change based on public health guidance.

Cleaning

- *At this time, the Minneapolis 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.*

Vaccinations
