FIRST Robotics Competition
Detroit Load out instructions 2018

Team load out is Saturday at 8:30am – 3:00pm. All teams must have robot shipping preparations completed prior to load out. Do not leave the process to the last minute, appoint a crew to this task prior to the event. This will help clear the Pits on time and will help ensure that your team gets to participate in the FIRST Closing Ceremonies at Ford Field.

One (1) of this crew must be a post-high school adult. Begin packing your crate as soon as you know your team is no longer competing. If you are shipping your robot home, you must ship your robot/crate(s) through SES.

Step #1 – On Saturday, April 28th when your team is completely packed and ready to load out, bring your packed equipment to the queue near door B &C at the loading docks.

Step #2 – Call your driver and have them proceed to W. Fort Street (heading toward downtown Detroit).
  • There will be 2 lanes designated for FIRST Robotics Competition vehicle on W. Fort Street.
  • Do not get into the FIRST Tech Challenge lane or the driver will be asked to circle around the block to get into the correct lane.
  • Team vehicles should arrive within 10-15 minutes from the team in the pit. Driver cannot arrive before team is in queue at the loading dock
  • Vehicles will be directed when they can turn right onto 2nd Avenue and proceed across W. Congress Street and enter into the rear loading dock at Cobo Center.
  • Your driver will be provided a loading dock space number as they pull into the loading dock area.

Drivers must stay with their vehicle at all times.

Step #3 – Move your packed items to the assigned dock space number when told by the load out volunteers.
  • If you have received a Carry Out ticket for your robot, please give this to the load out volunteer wearing the orange vest at the loading dock doors on your way out. Only teams who have received prior approval from FIRST will be allowed to Carry Out their robots from the event.

Please be respectful of other teams and the public in your departure, leave your area clean, and be safe!

Only teams still competing in the FIRST Robotics Competition Championship Matches will be allowed to have items in their pits. All other team pit spaces must be cleared by 3:00 pm.