

2019 **FIRST®** Championship Cobo Center, Detroit, MI

FIRST Robotics Competition Team Load-In Instructions

All *FIRST* Robotics Competition teams must load in on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

The Cobo Center loading dock only has one access point that is used for both entering and exiting. Teams should be prepared to line up and stage/queue vehicles on W Fort Street. Please be patient as we have 400 team vehicles to unload. Teams should be prepared for long wait times.

Please help us so that we can help get teams unloaded and into the pits as quickly but as safely as possible. Teams need to pack efficiently to assist with load in and load out.

Also, please note that this loading dock is extremely challenging for teams that bring a bus with a trailer attached. The bus driver will need to know how to back up a trailer in a tight area.

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

FIRST Robotics Competition Team Load-In

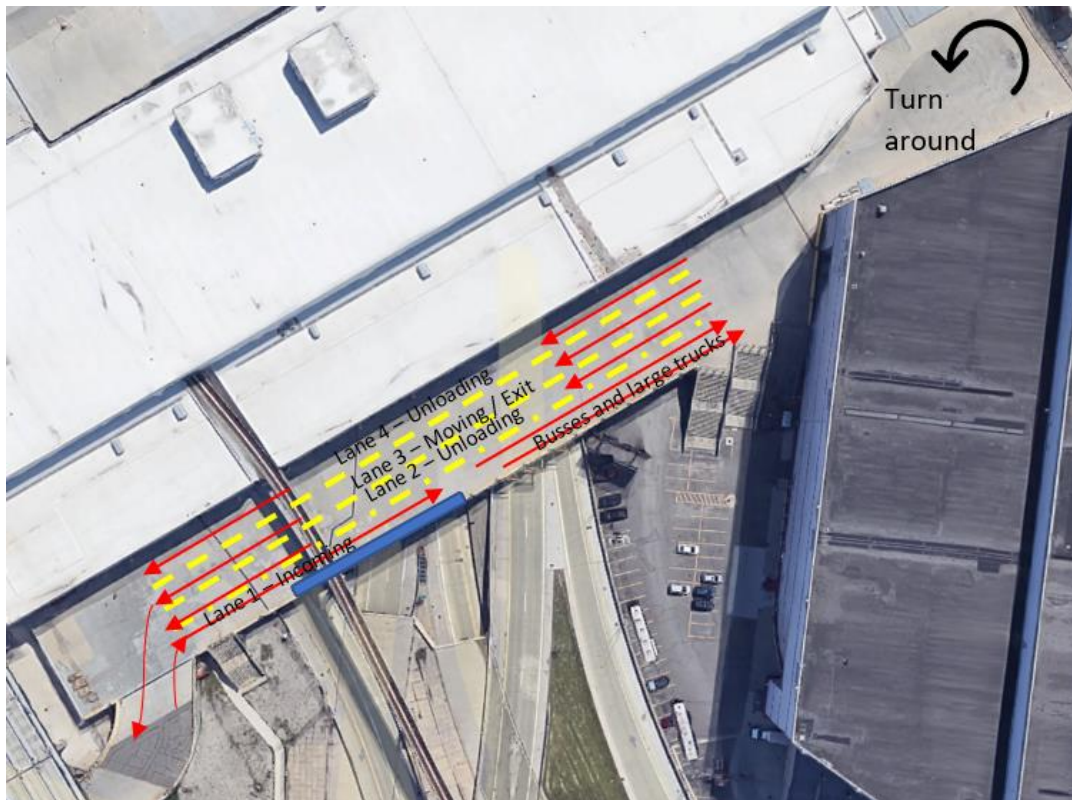
8:30AM – 4:00PM Team vehicles line up and stage/queue to Cobo Center

- Team vehicles queue on W Jefferson to Cabacier to W Fort Street (heading in toward downtown Detroit). **No access via W Congress Street**
- Each vehicle will be provided a loading dock access pass when they arrive in queue. Please fill in the required information
- When directed by *FIRST* staff, team vehicles turn right onto 2nd Avenue and drive across W Congress Street and enter into Cobo Center loading dock
- Teams **cannot** leave their vehicles unattended without a driver at any time
- Loading dock doors will open at 10:00 am for team load-in to Cobo Center



- Team vehicles will enter the loading dock area in Lane 1 (outer right lane)
- When directed, driver will enter turn around area then head into assigned numbered position in Lane 2 or Lane 4
- Teams blocking the entrance of another team trying to unload will be asked to move immediately by the Detroit Police Department or a member of the Event Staff
- Once team vehicle has been unloaded, driver will move into Lane 3 and exit loading dock. The access pass will be collected as your vehicle leaves the loading ramp

NO speeding! Speed limit is 5 mph on loading dock. All drivers must be cognizant of staff, volunteers, and pedestrians. SAFETY first at all times.



10:00AM to 4:00PM

FIRST Robotics Competition Team Load-In into Cobo Center

- Teams **cannot** leave their vehicles unattended at any time
- Teams are required to bring their own safety glasses
- Six (6) Team Representatives are allowed per *FIRST Robotics Competition Team*
 - Two (2) Team Representative must be Adults
 - One (1) Adult **must** stay with the vehicle at all times
 - Four (4) Team Representatives may be students and or adults
- Teams are expected to remove their robots from their robot crates in their assigned pit. Empty crates are then moved into the aisle by team members for removal by facility staff

FIRST Robotics Competition Pits open to the public and all team members 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Note: *FIRST* Robotics Competition Practice Matches are 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Robot Lock-Up Form

- Teams may not unbag their robot until a Robot Inspector has signed off on their Robot Lock-Up Form

Safety and Gracious Professionalism®

- It is our goal to ensure a safe event for everyone therefore it is imperative that *FIRST* Robotics Competition Teams follow the safety glasses and safety procedures
- Gracious Professionalism® will need to be on display at all times

Safety Glasses:

- Safety glasses will not be required at the *FIRST* Robotics Competition Pit entrance doors for the **first hour only** from 10:00 am to 11:00 am
- Starting at 11:00 am, Safety Advisors will be at the *FIRST* Robotics Competition Pit entrance doors and safety glasses will be required in order to enter the pits from this point forward
- Also starting at 11:00 am, volunteers and staff will begin patrolling the *FIRST* Robotics Competition pits to ensure safety glasses and safety procedures are being followed.
 - If a team is found to be in violation of the safety glasses and or safety procedures, a warning will be provided to the team
 - If subsequent violations are found for the same team, Frank Merrick will be notified. The team may face possible sanctions or be escorted out of the *FIRST* Robotics Competition pits for the remainder of the evening
- Upon entering assigned pit space, all *FIRST* Robotics Competition Team Representatives will need to unpack and wear safety glasses **prior** to beginning any work

Wristbands:

- No wristbands will be issued