



Where Young People Dream of Becoming Science and Technology Heroes

The *FIRST* North Carolina Board of Directors has requested that we implement stronger security protocols in light of the many school and public-event shootings over the past two years. Our top priority is the safety of our students, mentors and spectators. Please share the following information with ALL of your team members and their families.

1) All student team members will be required to wear a badge in an easily visible location at all times during the event.

2) All team mentors will be required to wear a badge in an easily visible location at all times during the event.

3) Parents, guests, and spectators will be required to wear a wristband while at the event. Wristbands will be available upon entry at the front table each event. A different color will be used each day.

4) Bag Checks

ALL bags will be checked for weapons upon entry on SATURDAY and SUNDAY.

5) Saturday and Sunday Doors Open

EVERYONE must enter through the main entrance. This includes all team members, mentors, volunteers, parents and the general public. There will be three lines to help expedite the initial opening of the doors.

- Line A - Badges only - If you have a badge and no backpack or bags, you will be in the express line where a simple badge check happens. No badge, no entry through this line. (Batteries do not count as a bag if they are carried by hand.)
- Line B - Badges and Clear Bags - If you have a badge and a clear bag, you will be in the second express line where a quick visual inspection of your clear bag will be done.
- Line C - Everyone else - If you have a bag of any kind, it will be subject to search upon entry. Anyone without a badge will be directed to the check-in table to either receive a badge or a wristband.

6) Re-entry - All bags are subject to search upon re-entry both days.

7) Friday Load-In

- To make team loading in easier, no badges or bag checks will take place. Badges may be picked up by the team coach when checking in at Pit Admin. Please note that your pit area is always subject to search during the event by our Safety Advisors.
- The doors used for Friday Load-In are for FRIDAY ONLY. NO entry is permitted through those doors on Saturday or Sunday.

We have branded clear bags available for purchase. Bags may be pre-ordered [here](#).

If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you for your help in making our events as safe and secure as possible.

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