



Kia Ora & welcome to the Rotorua Aquabots Regional Competition

It is exciting to see so many teams entered and participating in the 7th Rotorua Regional. Did you know that so far, every year Rotorua has had a team qualify for the International Competition.

To help ensure our day runs smoothly please take a moment to read the information below.

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PLEASE READ WITH YOUR TEAM

We all want to do well and we all want to win. However, let's make sure that NZAquabots is a place where all our teams feel supported and together we are raising the abilities of everyone.

- If you see another team struggling or needing help, please offer. That might look like sharing your superglue or craft knife. It might look like holding their robot as they tape their motors back on.
- If you see something awesome or you made something awesome. Please talk about what inspired you, how you did it, or why you think it's cool. As we all gain in knowledge, the collective Rotorua science and technology skills will grow and the competition will get better and better.
- Always try your best. Robots have a way of failing at the most inconvenient times. But give it a go and always aim for more.

Judges

Our judges are giving up their time to come and judge these events. Without their participation we would not be able to run this event. Please be kind, they are only human. If you have a complaint or a query, please speak to me immediately rather than berating the judge or waiting until the next day.

Events

Teams MUST be on time to their events. We have a large number of teams to go through and if everyone is 2 minutes late we will be here until much later. If teams are more than 5 minutes late they will give up their opportunity to participate in that event. Teams will not be able to compete in an event if it is not their time slot.

Kai/Food

Please bring your own food and please eat away from the poolside. Please ensure you take your rubbish with you and the area you have been in is clean before you leave. Please do not bring in commercial food like Subway, Pizza Hut, etc.

Presentations

Presentations are taking place in the areas near the pool- please follow signs. There are two rooms. Be aware of where your presentation is. There will be a list outside each room. If your team is not on the list you are at the wrong room.

There will be a screen/ laptop to present with if teams wish to do so. **We cannot guarantee that there will be internet access.**

If coaches or parents enter the presentation rooms, they must remain silent and not interact with the judges or teams presenting.

Health and Safety

All students in your teams are your responsibility for their entire team at the competition. Remind students that they are NOT to get into the pool under any circumstances. We have helpers who will retrieve any robot parts required.

Please keep batteries as far from the pool as possible. If you do not have your own battery, there will be batteries at each event. Please do not take these away with you.

Keep all your equipment safe and with you at all times.

There will be areas that are taped off in RED. Please stay outside of these areas.

Areas that are taped in BLUE are for judges and the current competing teams only.

First aid and Emergency Procedures

Any injuries should be reported to Jessica. The First Aid kit is kept in the survey/check in area.

Nationals

Any teams who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the primary, intermediate or high school division are encouraged to attend Nationals. Nationals are being held in Wellington at the Naenae Pool, on the 30th November and will run all day (much as our regional has). There is a practice session on the Saturday afternoon that is open to all teams to attend. The cost of entering Nationals is \$40 per team.

The competition is similar to regionals and you can use the exact robots that you have for regionals. You may wish to amend your attachment after reading the National rules.

2026 Rotorua Regionals and other robotics events

We will be running this event again in 2026, so feel free to start recruiting now. We will be asking for indications of interest in Term 1.

We will also be running a number of other robotics events in 2026 so stay in contact by liking our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/moinelson/about/>

Questions and Queries

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything. We will have a tool kit at the registration desk if you need to do last minute repairs.

Good luck and have fun

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