

## **Crimson Robotics Member Contract**

### **FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) and FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC)**

Crimson Robotics, will be participating in the FIRST Tech Challenge and FIRST Robotics Competition. The goal of the program is not only to participate in a robotics competition, but to give students an idea of what it is like to be an engineer/businessperson/marketer, to work as a team, build respect for their fellow peers and adults, contribute to their community, and make a difference in the lives of others. We strive for our members to live by FIRST's core values of gracious professionalism and coopertition.

To be eligible to participate with Crimson Robotics, each member and parent regardless of age must agree to and uphold the terms stated in the team's contract. It is to be recognized by the individual who signs this contract that any violation of this contract may lead to disciplinary actions including, but not limited to, suspension and/or expulsion from Crimson Robotics. All terms and conditions are subject to change at any time by the head coach. The definitions of various terms are listed in the contract. Any clarification may be acquired from the head coach.

#### **Required Fees**

- **Edutrak fee** (approx \$95) - required to attend any robotics meeting or work with any school or team equipment
- FTC participants: \$150 due by start of season (pay on team website)
- FRC participants: \$200 due by start of season (pay on team website)

#### **Good Standing**

Members must commit to active participation and engagement on the team, including the following attendance requirements:

- **Fall FTC Team:** Students may miss a maximum of 8 of the approximately 40 scheduled meetings (including both FTC and full team meetings) between Tuesday Sept 23 and Friday, December 5th. Students must be available all day on BOTH Saturday December 7th and Sunday December 8th to compete in and help run our tournament.
- **Winter:** Attendance requirements are still under review. Historically, members are allowed 6 absences from scheduled FRC meetings to remain in good standing, however that number may be changed this year. The requirements will be set before kickoff on January 10th. Anyone not meeting the attendance requirements may be asked to resign from the team and will be ineligible to travel to competitions. Regular build season goes from Saturday, January 10 through Saturday, February 27th.

**Students are expected to participate in all fundraising activities in which full team participation is expected. Those who do not will have their good standing status revoked, unless an exception is made by the head coach. Students who for moral or religious reasons are not able to participate in fundraising activities are required to contribute an equivalent amount of additional hours and effort to team marketing or outreach work instead.**

#### **Travel Requirements**

- To qualify to attend a robotics competition (FTC, FRC regional, or FRC Championships) with the team, students must be in good standing, Students must also have participated in all large (full-team) fundraisers (such as selling Krispy Kreme tickets, raffle tickets, or the plant fundraiser). In addition, students must participate in at least 1 single-day fundraiser (Cub Foods bagging, etc.) per FRC competition they wish to attend.
- All students participating in FTC or FRC must work for 1 full day at the FTC event hosted by Crimson Robotics in December.
- Students must participate in at least 1 outreach event per FRC competition they wish to attend.
- Additional fundraising or outreach activity requirements may be added, based on team needs.
- Attendance requirements as previously outlined must be met.
- There will be an additional travel fee for each event that must be paid in full by the appropriate deadline.
- Any required district fees or paperwork must be completed.
- Additional requirements may be created at the head coach's discretion in order to ensure full participation and encourage students to abide by the values of gracious professionalism and coopertition.

- Travel rules will be provided to the students, but include staying in groups of 3 or more at all times and within designated geographic areas. Failure to follow travel rules could also result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the team.
- The head coach can make exceptions to the above on a case-by-case basis.

### **Lettering**

To letter, students must have demonstrated exceptional contribution to Crimson Robotics's FIRST Robotics Competition program. Contributions must significantly exceed the expectations for good standing and travel requirements in 3 areas:

- Success: Commitment to excellence in activities from team meetings during the regular build season; extended build season (through the team's last competition of the year); and training, enrichment, or other departmental activities from the pre-build season. These activities can be through any department, but the volume and quality of work must be substantial.
- Sustainability: Significant commitment to team fundraising. Normal work done by members of the business department as part of their pre-build, regular build, or extended build season responsibilities do not satisfy this requirement. There is no specific dollar value expectation; rather it is a question of whether a student has given their own personal 100%.
- Success: Contribution to community through outreach, education, and volunteer events. The level of participation expected is at least comparable to that of a veteran student who has completed a full season of FIRST LEGO League mentorship and contributed to several additional events as well.

### **Absences & Attendance**

If a member will miss or be late to a meeting, then that member must contact both the head coach and administrative co-captain no later than 24 hours before the meeting explaining the absence. Members must notify the head coach if they need to leave early from or will arrive late to a meeting.

- If a team member leaves before clean-up without a valid reason, or is physically present but does not fully participate in cleanup, that team member will be marked as absent for the entire meeting.
- Students not actively participating and engaged in meetings will be asked to leave for the *entire* day and counted as absent, regardless of how much of the meeting they attended. Students will be given a single warning if observed to be off task; if the behavior is not corrected, they will be asked to leave and marked absent.

### **Photo/Video/Recording Release**

Parents and students understand that photographs, video tapes and other recordings will be made of participants in Crimson Robotics. Parents and students consent to those photographs, video tapes, and other recordings and their use as part of a record of Crimson Robotics as well as promotional, award, and fundraising materials created by Crimson Robotics.

### **Other**

- It is expected that all team members have the basic knowledge of or willingness to learn a skill that will help the team. It is expected that all members make some useful contribution to the team.
- Participation in FRC design and build departments (including programming) requires the completion of a previous robotics season (FTC, FRC, VEX, etc.) in good standing. Students not meeting this requirement may build a FTC robot during Crimson Robotics's FIRST Robotics Competition season so that they satisfy this requirement in future years but are not eligible to travel with the FRC team.
- Safety is a priority to Crimson Robotics. Any unsafe activity may lead to suspension and or permanent expulsion from the team without any second chances. If there is any uncertainty on proper use of equipment, it is mandatory for members to ask for assistance. All injuries must be reported and treated, no exceptions. Proper safety equipment must be worn at all times, as defined by team protocol.
  - This includes wearing safety goggles and closed-toe shoes ANY time a member is in the shop.
- All members who are a part of robot design, construction, and programming are expected to know all the rules and regulations of the current season's game. It is mandatory for all build members to read the sections of the rulebook relevant to their department.
- Any modifications to the FRC robot must be approved by the head coach. Any violation of this may lead to a suspension from working on the FRC robot or from the team itself.

- All purchases must be approved by a coach and must have a receipt, which must be given to the coach (or another person designated by the coach) in a timely manner, to be eligible for reimbursement. It is very important that the team stays within budget. All purchases must be approved ahead of time by the head coach, or their designated representative. Unauthorized purchases may not be refunded by the team.
- We are an extracurricular activity and not a school course. Team members must be on track for graduation and maintain acceptable grades to continue participating. Academics first!
- To be able to do any work with Crimson Robotics or use any equipment, the individual must be a recognized member of Crimson Robotics, have signed the Crimson Robotics member contract, been registered through FIRST for the current year, and also have paid the district and team activity participation fees. Non-members may observe but cannot participate in build season activities until above terms are met. Non-members may be asked to leave the team meeting area at any time due to disruptive behavior, unsafe actions/situations, or for any other reason, at the discretion of the team's officers, mentors, and/or coaches. It is at the discretion of the non-member to watch out for their own safety. All individuals in team meeting areas must have proper safety equipment as defined by Crimson Robotics.
- It is the responsibility of all team members to report any violation of the above terms and conditions. Failure to do so may lead to disciplinary actions on said individuals who restrained from reporting the violations.
- Any member who does not meet the above requirements and expectations may be dismissed from the team by the head coach.
- Any problems or concerns may be reported privately and confidentially to the coach.

Crimson Robotics reserves all rights to change/revise this contract at any time and to revoke any agreement at any time.

Last updated Sept 11, 2025.

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### Crimson Robotics 2025-2026 Member Contract Signature Sheet

*(Read and agree to contract before signing) - return the signed portion at the beginning of the first meeting of the season or give to Mr. Malm in room 281 ahead of time*

I have read and agreed to this contract and all its terms and conditions. I certify this is my own signature and that the adult signature present is truly that of my parent/legal guardian and that they have read and agreed to this contract. They give me permission to be a member of Crimson Robotics and participate in team activities.

Student <b>Printed Name</b>	Student Signature	Date
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Parent/Legal Guardian <b>Printed Name</b>	Parent Signature	Date
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(Required even if participant is age 18 or older)