

FAQ

Q) Should I go to the meet and sit with the team?

A) YES!! Go for both days, or just part of one day. The kids will love to see you, tell you about what they are doing and appreciate you cheering them on!

Q) Do we need food for the Glacier High School meet?

A) YES! We are planning to order the kids lunch and we need snacks and drinks to keep up their energy on both days! One word of caution is that sticky or crumbly snacks (like cheese puffs or chewy granola bars) can get on the robot and gunk up the gears. Here's the link

Q) Should I wear MI Maroon?

A) YES!! We have a new swag shop [Printify Pop-Up](#) to buy a boosters tee-shirt for yourself or dust off your best spirit wear!

Q) The bus leaves so early, do I need to leave then?

A) No way, unless your kid needs a ride to school. The team needs to set up their pit, where they make adjustments and repairs to the robot between matches. They also need to check out the arena and check in with the judges. Coach Torry will send out a communication to the team and the parents with the meet times, location, etc. I put the specifics for this week's meet below for convenience. In the future we would love to have a calendar on TeamSnap or some other platform (any volunteers?) for your convenience.

Q) Why are adjustments and repairs needed during the meet?

A) In the pre-season the robots play a series of 3 on 3 games, much like basketball. They shoot, they block and they defend. Like sports, the participants can get banged up in the process. Our robot needs all the help we can muster! The stability and durability of the robot can make a huge difference, especially when we get into the finals on day 2. Mentors would be a real help in the pit as well as the classroom. A huge thank you to the mentors who are supporting the team already!

Q) What is the meet format?

A) The teams are combined and then recombined for each meet. There will be a red and blue alliance of 3 robots for each match. The robot collects points for the team and if their alliance wins additional points will be added to the robot's individual score. In this way you are sometimes matched up with really great robots, and sometimes not so great robots, but in the end it levels the teams. At the end of regular play there is a process to choose set alliances for the quarter finals and finals.

Q) Why is there a pre-season?

A) The pre-season uses the robot built during last year's regular season. This allows teams to try out new ideas before "build season" and to give newer members experience competing before the regular season.

Q) We already have a robot. Why do we need a build season?

A) Because we can't use the old robot and every season brings a new and unique challenge. For the 2023 season the challenge is CHARGED UP! We have NO IDEA what that means. Does the robot generate electricity, need to have a power pack, or maybe do a lot of shopping LOL? We will find out at the drop party and then things get crazy!

Q) How can I follow scores during a tournament?

Download **The Blue Alliance** App by *FRC Matches and Webcasts* on your smartphone. But be warned, internet connectivity is pretty sketchy at most tournament locations. If you can't make the meet you can also follow along or watch the matches remotely using this app.

Q) How can I track our overall performance?

Our team rankings and scores can be viewed on the First Robotics site here:

<https://frc-events.firstinspires.org/2023/team/5937>

Q). This is so exciting! How can I become more involved?

A) Please get in touch with us and let us know when and how you can help. We have plenty of technical and non-technical ways you can help support our kids. It's no surprise that the best robots also have a huge section of parents cheering on their team. Feel free to reach out directly to Jennifer if you would like to support the team through the booster's club or Coach Torrey if you would like to be a mentor for the team. Any and all parental support is appreciated!