

Hello VEX IQ Teams,

Our VEX IQ Tournament on February 20th is coming up on Monday! Here is a quick rundown of what will be going on at the event.

When: Monday, **Feb 20th**.

Where: Middle school in El Dorado Hills, California in the Gym. The official address is Marina Village Middle School, 1901 Francisco Dr, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762. Click [here](#) to see a map..

Here are some important notes to read through:

Pizza Pre-Order: If your team would like to pre-order pizza for lunch, please fill out [this form](#) by **Thursday, Feb 16 at 11:00 PM**. You will be expected to pay with cash, paypal, or check when your team checks in at the event. We will also be running the Snack Shack at the event.

Tournament Schedule: Doors will open at **8:30 AM** and **teams must be checked in by 9:15 AM in order to compete**. Competition will end at 3:00 PM. Click [here](#) to see a more detailed schedule of the tournament.

Consent forms for all team members must be uploaded to RobotEvents.com. Attendance at the event is considered as permission by participants that their image and voice may be recorded and broadcast.

Conduct at Event:

Remember that safety and good sportsmanship comes first. We expect students to be doing the work at these VEX IQ events, and expect all adult volunteers and coaches to cooperate with these efforts. We will follow the intent of <G1>, which says:

“All Teams are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner while competing in VEX Robotics Competition events. If a Team or any of its members (Students or any adults associated with the Team) are disrespectful or uncivil to event staff, volunteers, or fellow competitors, they may be Disqualified from a current or upcoming Match, or even the entirety of the event depending on the severity of the situation. It is important to remember that we are all judged based on how we deal with adversity. It is important that we all exhibit maturity and class when dealing with any difficult situations that may present themselves in both the VEX Robotics Competition and our lives in general.”

Please remember that at the competition (and during team meetings), parents are not allowed to be working on the robot or project. Your team could get disqualified for certain awards if we see parents taking over.

Important items to bring:

1. Robot
2. Spare parts and tools
3. Batteries and chargers
4. Programming cable
5. Power strip
6. Laptop computer
7. Physical copy/(Update Digital Copy by Feb 20th 9am) of an engineering notebook
8. Banners and other decorations for your team's pit area
9. Snacks (optional) and lunch
10. A group of kids ready to have fun with robots!

For further reference, here is this year's game manual and inspection checklist. Please review these before going to the competition.

Manual:

<https://content.vexrobotics.com/docs/2022-2023/viqc-slapshot/VIQC-Slapshot-GameManual-2.0.pdf>

Checklist:

<https://kb.roboticseducation.org/hc/en-us/articles/5296428205847-VIQC-Robot-Inspection-Checklist>

Please email us if you have any questions regarding the tournament. We're looking forward to an exciting competition!

Sincerely,

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