

# Wisconsin FTC Updates - 12/30/22

## Good afternoon FTC Teams!!!

I hope that all of our teams (and especially mentors) are enjoying a much needed Holiday Break to recharge. We are reaching out with some updates for all of the teams, and answering some questions that we've seen come across our desks.

## Dean's List - **The Dean's list will be judged as a Remote Event on SUNDAY**

**February 5th.** This is something that is done in many other states and we didn't know existed until we became program delivery partners - this means that all of the students are seen by a small group of the judges throughout the day, and it's not up to interpretation from notes at a later event. **All teams have until January 15<sup>th</sup> to submit their Dean's list Award Submissions via the FIRST System.** Once all Dean's list nominations are submitted, we will contact each coach and nominee for the meeting times and links. Please consider nominating your students, even a nomination is valuable when they are applying to colleges or for scholarships. Thank you!

**Feedback Forms** - Through two tournaments, we have had several teams ask if they can get feedback from the judges. In FTC there is a form that teams are required to fill out in order to receive feedback from the judges, and I have attached it on here. Please bring it with you to the tournament and turn it in with your Engineering portfolio to get feedback on how your team did in each of the different areas. **ATTACHED FOR REFERENCE**

**WI FIRST Forms** - When checking in at competition - teams must have their team roster printed from the TIMS (Team information Management System). All students/parents, mentors, and volunteers must also print out and sign the liability waiver for "Wisconsin FIRST". This is a requirement as we are now a separate entity from FIRST and something that all FIRST events in Wisconsin will see moving forward, not just FTC. **ATTACHED FOR REFERENCE**

## WI Championships - **POTENTIAL Date Change to SUNDAY March 12th**

We have been informed that the date that was selected for the Wisconsin FTC Championship is also one of the dates for SAT exams. We will be investigating whether the UWGB Kress Center will allow us to make a change on the date of the event to potentially move it back one day, but we want your opinion. Please go to the quick 1 question survey (link below) and let us know which date your team would rather have - Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> or Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will take this survey down in 14 days and let everyone know the results at that time.

Please take the 1 question poll and let us know which date you would prefer for the Wisconsin Championship. **Please note that this is also going to core volunteers for their input.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/Vk1LE6Rby5>

***Teams Advancing from Red Raider Qualifier (16 Teams - 3 advancements)***

- **Tournament Host** 11570 'Etude Engineers
- **Inspire Winner** 16460 GEArheads
- ~~**Winning Alliance Captain** 16460 GEArheads (See Above)~~
- **Inspire 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** 4106 Supposable Thumbs

***Teams Advancing from Lakeshore FTC Qualifier (28 Teams - 5 advancements)***

- **Inspire Award Winner** 9956 - The Knack
- **Winning Alliance Captain** 19927 - Dukes Robotics
- ~~**Inspire 2<sup>nd</sup> Place** 16460 - Gearheads (Advancing - Red Raider Event)~~
- **Winning Alliance - 1st team Picked** 14631 - Laser Tech
- **Inspire Award 3rd Place** 8680 - Kraken Pinion
- **Winning Alliance 2nd Team Picked** 16310 - Rising Rhinobots

**Team Video for WI Championship** - We would love to share a short video (120 - 180 seconds) between matches with the crowd, especially if you are one of the teams attending the Wisconsin FTC Championship. We have invited quite a few corporate and educational partners to the Wisconsin Championship, and we want to share the stories of each of these teams with them. Please consider making a video that we will share with our stream and with the crowd (Please make sure there is no copyrighted music or student last names or it will not be aired).

Thank you all very much for your hard work and dedication for the FIRST Tech Challenge Program and your students. I hope everyone on this email can feel that they're part of something bigger, we're all part of a movement to change education and give students what they're thirsting for. We couldn't do that without all of you and the hours you share with all of these young minds. Thank you, and please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions!!!

**Attachments:**

Judge Feedback Form

Liability Waiver

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***What is FIRST Tech Challenge***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-exSmCcoY1E>

***FTC Release Video - Powerplay (2022/23)***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HsitvZ0JaDc>