

# Robofest e-Newsletter 03-31-20

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Note: All times are listed in EDT

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## (1) Video Qualifiers Opportunity Extended

The due date for the USA Video Qualifier and International Video Qualifier submission has been extended to Monday **August 3**, 2020 to allow teams to compete for a ticket to the rescheduled World Championship.

Teams currently registered for qualifiers that have been canceled may request to transfer their registration to USA or International Video Qualifier by indicating their choice in the "Robofest 2020 Registration Option" Survey by April 10: <https://forms.gle/YjAzYsBf4TYCKVTLA> New teams may also register.

Each registered team member will receive a participation medal and certificate and trophies will be awarded to the top 20% of Video Qualifier teams. We hope that teams will strongly consider transferring their 2020 registration to Video Qualifier.

## (2) Game Field Kits Available for Teams That Transfer to Video Qualifier

We will offer Game Field Kits (Hole-slot, templates and golf balls) at no charge to the first 15 Game Coaches that transfer their registration to a Video Qualifier. We just ask that you pay shipping. Please indicate your choice in the "Robofest 2020 Registration Option" Survey: <https://forms.gle/YjAzYsBf4TYCKVTLA>

## (3) Robofest World Championship On Hold

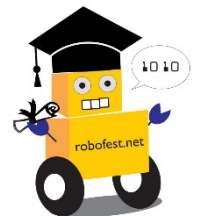
On March 12, the announcement was made: Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus situation, the 2020 Robofest World Championship scheduled for May has been canceled. A decision to possibly reschedule the event for the fall will be made and announced in *late* April.

## (4) Free Robofest eAcademy Online Classes

New online classes have been added to Robofest eAcademy: 2020 Game using Vex IQ and RobotC language and 2020 BottleSumo using Vex IQ and RobotC language. There are also many EV3 classes available including 2020 Game, BottleSumo, and Exhibition. eAcademy classes have individual lessons, code samples, videos and tests for knowledge. More details can be found on the Robofest.net website under "Tech Resources>eAcademy" <https://robofest.net/index.php/tech-resources/eacademy>

## (5) Robofest eAcademy Certification

To build on the Robofest eAcademy - a series of online classes developed by Robofest instructors, we are now offering EV3 Programmer Certification. To take the certification exam, you have to have an account on <https://www.schoolology.com/> and be enrolled in class code **QMKH-HZ3D-NW2KJ**. You then must score 90% or better on the first try of the 25-question certification test. We plan to add certification for other languages such as RobotC and Python in the near future. Complete details can be found on the Robofest.net website under "Tech Resources>Certifications" <https://robofest.net/index.php/tech-resources/certification>



## (6) Coach Awards

We would like to acknowledge our coaches who have 5, 10, 15 and now 20 years with Robofest as a coach! To submit your name, please send an email to [robofest@ltu.edu](mailto:robofest@ltu.edu) with the subject \*Coach Award\*. Please include the coach name, all coach ID's, and number of years coaching. We will recognize these dedicated coaches at the World Championship.

## (7) Check your Spam Folder for Robofest Emails

Due to many email platforms tightening their security protocols to reduce phishing, many of the system-generated emails (Robofest – Do Not Reply) are ending up in a spam folder. These important emails include Coach, Team and Volunteer Registration confirmations, Consent Form requests and important announcements. Since email is the official

communication tool for coaches, please check your spam folder (and ask parents to check, too) for Robofest emails and select "Not Spam" so you receive them. It is also a good idea to make sure that the email in your Coach Profile is up to date.

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