

Robofest eNewsletter 11-19-21

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Note: All times are listed in EST unless noted

(1) International 2022 Robofest Game “OceanBots” Uploaded

The 2022 Game has been announced and International Rules and related documents have been posted on the Robofest.net website. Click on the “Get Involved/Game” page.

OceanBots Draft Rules: <https://robofest.net/images//2122/Game2022V05.pdf>

OceanBots Demonstration Video: <https://youtu.be/NUA21jExNlc>

The rules will be finalized and pre-registration will be open on January 15, 2022. If you have any questions about the rules that you would like to have clarified, please send an email to Shannan Palonis (spalonis@ltu.edu) and we will answer them in the FAQ and/or update the rules to add clarity. If your question is in regard to a specific strategy that you would not like to share with the Robofest community, please let us know in your inquiry. We will make the final decision whether or not to add to the FAQ, especially if the strategy is against the rules.

(2) Kickoff Meeting Wednesday, December 8 at 8:00 am on Zoom

Site Hosts, coaches, volunteers and corporate partners ~ please join us via Zoom on December 8 at 8:00 am for the kickoff meeting to introduce the rules and plans for the upcoming 23rd Robofest season. The meeting will be recorded a link posted to Robofest.net. Click on the “Get Involved/2022 Main” Page.

To Join the Zoom Meeting click:

<https://ltu.zoom.us/j/92132784091?pwd=aHhtMDlwM0lRWtBUGl3ZmJYTUszZz09>

Or login directly with meeting ID: 921 3278 4091 and Passcode: 347354

(3) Site Host Opportunity Returns for 2022

Robofest is seeking site hosts for the following categories: Game Qualifiers, Exhibition Qualifiers, BottleSumo, RoboParade and other Open Category events during the spring of 2022. Returning Site Hosts may contact the Robofest office at spalonis@ltu.edu to start the registration process. Online Application is open on the “Registration” page and downloadable forms and “New Site Host Information and FAQ” documents are now available on the “[For Site Hosts](#)” page on the Robobofest.net website.

(4) Warmup Competition/Judge Training February 12 at 1:00 pm at LTU

This event will be held on Saturday, Feb 12, 2022 from :00pm ~ 5:30pm in Room J234 in the Taubman Complex. Teams who would like to participate should send an email to spalonis@ltu.edu. Check-in for registered teams begins at 1:00 pm and Judge training will start at 1:45 pm. We encourage Michigan Site Hosts and Volunteer Game Judges to attend. Registration will open in Mid-December for teams and judges

(5) MCWT Grants for All-Girl Robofest Teams

The Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation, 18-year sponsor of Robofest, is once again providing \$500 grants for up to ten Michigan all-girl Robofest teams for the 2022 Robofest Game and Exhibition competitions. More information, the application and deadline will be posted to their webpage:

<https://mcwt.org/programs/list/K-12-Initiatives/ROBOTICS-GRANTS>

(6) LTU Scholarship Opportunity for all Robofest Participants

High School students who have participated in Robofest at any time and who are planning to attend LTU, can apply for a \$3,000 renewable scholarship (Total of \$12,000). Submit a 400-word essay describing your Robofest experience and your career goals, a letter of recommendation from one of your Robofest adult coaches or mentors, and the Scholarship Application by **April 1, 2022**. To find more information visit:

https://www.ltu.edu/financial_aid/scholarships-freshmen.asp

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