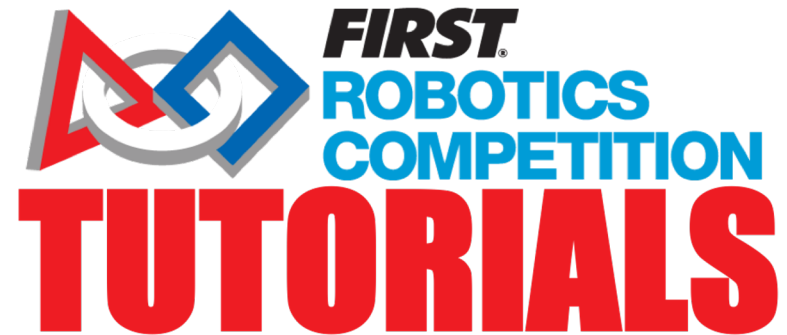


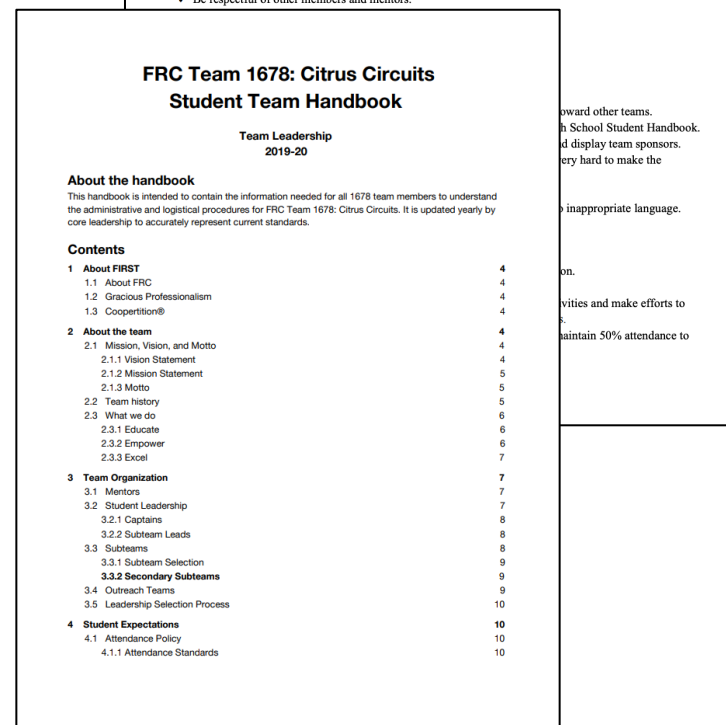
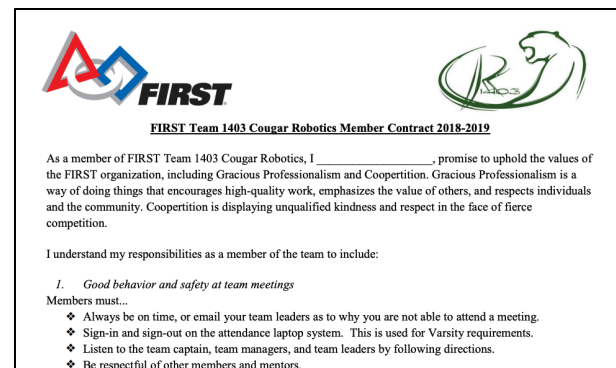
Team Rules and Expectations

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Guidelines and Rules

- Once your team has been formed, set up guidelines for the team
 - Some teams create a team handbook
 - Some teams create a team contract
- These documents allow both the mentors and students to create their team's culture
- Rules and expectations for the members help the team be on the same page
- Be sure to address codes of conduct, team travel policies, fundraising requirements, participation requirements, meeting schedules, and anything else that is important to your team's culture



Example Rules: Code of Conduct

Behavior rules should align with FIRST Core Values and focus on inclusion, respect, and good communication

- ____ I agree that my behavior in posts, messages, meetings and competitions will be gracious, and I will treat my teammates, volunteers, other teams, and my mentors with respect.
- ____ I agree to respect the space and equipment used by the team.
- ____ I agree to cooperate on whatever solution the team chooses, even if it is not my choice.
- ____ I am responsible for reading and responding promptly to email and messages and communicating with my coaches and team members

Example Rules: Effort and Contribution

The level of effort required and attendance expectations need to be laid out clearly so that the student can plan ahead.

- _____ I agree that I will make every effort to attend all events and meetings and prioritize robotics. If a conflict arises, I will notify the mentors 2 days prior to the meeting.
- _____ I agree to work the hours needed (even outside team meetings) to get the work I commit to done at the highest quality possible.
- _____ I agree that the goal of my team should be to do our best work. As a member of the team, I will contribute to all aspects of the process, not just the parts I like best.

Examples from Other Teams

- **Team Contracts:**

- Team 971 <http://frc971.org/content/TeamRulesAndExpectations>
- FRC 1511 <http://penfieldrobotics.com/docs/TeamHandbook.pdf>
- FRC 1678
http://www.citruscircuits.org/uploads/6/9/3/4/6934550/2018-19_citrus_circuits_team_handbook.pdf
- FRC 1828
<http://1828boxerbots.org/docs/Handbook%20Contract.pdf>
- FRC 1403 <https://cougarrobotics.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Team-Contract-18-19.pdf>

- **Safety Rules:**

- FRC 1676 <https://team1676.com/safety>
- FRC 3637 <https://www.team3637.com/safety/>

Parents Also Need Rules

- Having a contract with parents can also help make sure that everyone affiliated with the team is on the same page

_____ I agree to discuss all items listed in the student contract with my child and provide any support they might need to meet their obligations.

_____ I realize that the team's mentors are voluntarily contributing a significant amount of time and effort to provide this rewarding experience for my child and the team. I will try to be as cooperative and helpful as possible.

_____ I agree to drop off and pick up my child promptly.

_____ I understand that I may be asked to volunteer at events or competitions.

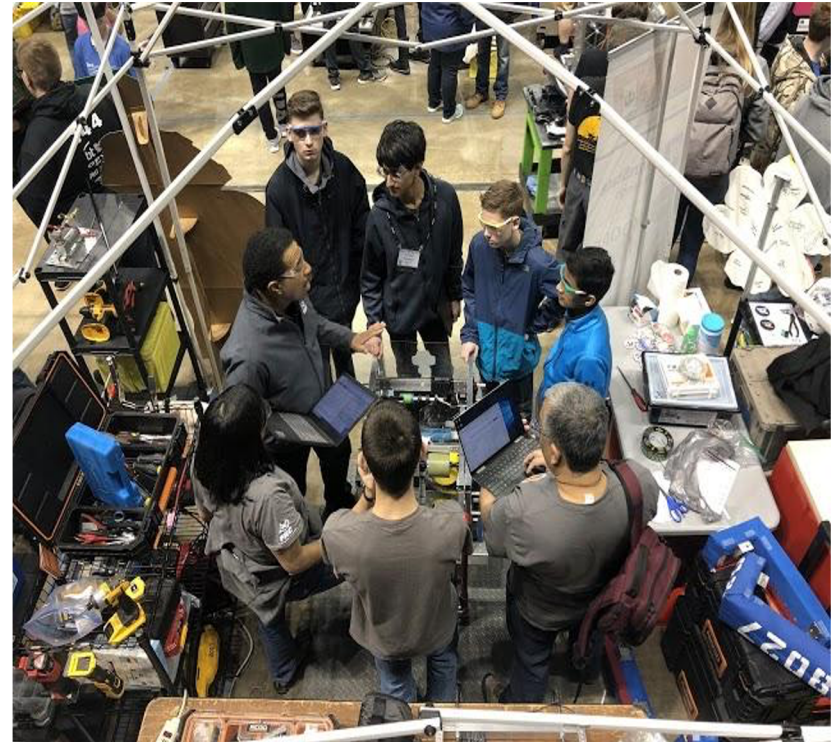
_____ I understand that photos and videos of my child may be taken and included in team marketing materials and shared on social media.

_____ I authorize my child's mentors to supervise my child at meetings, events, and competitions, and give permission for them to care for my child as needed.

_____ I understand that my family will be asked to help the team fundraise, seek sponsorships, or contribute money for registration fees and robot equipment.

Rules & Expectations at Events

- Teams are also expected to follow rules at events
- Rules may change at different venues
- Make sure that you respect other teams, the organizers as well as any venue-specific rules
- (<https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/event-experience>)



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