

# THE CHAMPIONSHIP SITE INFORMATION

April 16-18, 2009

## Event Location

**COMPETITION:** Georgia Dome

One Georgia Dome Drive

Atlanta, GA 30313-1591

**PIT:** Georgia World Congress Center Building C

285 Andrew Young International Boulevard NW

**NOTE:** Georgia World Congress Center will not accept or store team robots or toolboxes.

<http://www.gwcc.com/>

**Phone:** (404) 223 4300

## EVENT WEBSITE INFORMATION:

*FIRST* has worked with the city of Atlanta to put as much local information into one webpage for your planning process:

[http://www.atlanta.net/first2/index\\_test.aspx](http://www.atlanta.net/first2/index_test.aspx)

## Directions the Georgia Dome

[http://www.gadome.com/about/parking\\_maps.html](http://www.gadome.com/about/parking_maps.html)

The Georgia Dome is located to the immediate west of the downtown Atlanta area on the corner of Northside Drive and Georgia Dome Drive. There are dozens of privately owned lots within 1/2 mile of the Dome. The Dome is also accessible by the MARTA rail system via Vine City and Georgia Dome stations. Parking is at a premium on event days, so using MARTA is recommended.

### From the North on I-75

Exit-252 Northside Drive. Turn right on Northside Drive. The Dome will be on your left.

### From the North on I-85

Exit-249C Williams Street. Right on Alexander, left on Centennial Olympic Park Drive, right on to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, right on Northside Drive. The Dome will be on the right.

### From the South on I-75/85 Connector

Exit-246 Downtown, Central Ave. Take Central Ave. to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, left on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, right on Northside Drive. The Dome will be on your right.

### From the West on I-20

Exit-56B Spring Street. Left on Spring Street, left on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, right on Northside Drive. The Dome will be on your right.

### From the East on I-20

Exit-58A Spring-Windsor Street. Turn right on Spring Street, left on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, right on Northside Drive. The Dome will be on your right.

## MARTA's Rail System

The Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) is Atlanta's state-of-the-art public transportation system. MARTA's mission is to provide visitors and residents of Atlanta with the highest level of safe, clean, reliable and affordable transportation. MARTA is made up of a bus and rail system that connects all parts of Atlanta. A single \$1.75 fare covers one-way bus or train trips, including transfers.

More than 22,000 parking spaces are available at rail stations system-wide. Parking at all MARTA stations - except the Lindbergh and Lenox decks - is free; however, after 6 p.m. and on weekends and holidays, all parking is free. All MARTA trains, stations and shuttle buses are accessible to the disabled.

**MARTA Website:** [www.itsmarta.com](http://www.itsmarta.com)

**Schedules and Maps:** <http://www.itsmarta.com/getthere/schedules/index.htm>

Numerous bus routes serve the 33 rail stations in DeKalb and Fulton counties as well as locations throughout the Atlanta area. For route or schedule information, call MARTA at 404.848.5501.

If you are coming from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, MARTA has a rail station located at the north end of the airport, near baggage claim. This service offers the quickest and least expensive way to get to and from downtown Atlanta's hotels and the Georgia World Congress Center directly.

**MARTA Contact Information:** <http://www.itsmarta.com/contact/index.htm>

**Fare Information:** <http://www.itsmarta.com/howto/fares.htm>

**Volume Discounts:** MARTA also offers a special volume discount program with passes that are valid for the duration of your group's stay. The Visitors Pass allows unlimited travel on MARTA for groups of 15 and more. A minimum of 21 days notice is required. If your group consists of 15 or more, please [contact us for information \(404-848-5501\)](#) to see what we can do to meet your transportation needs.

**Georgia World Congress Center (GWCC) access:** The GWCC is MARTA-accessible at two stations. For access to events in Buildings A and B, use the Dome/GWCC/Philips Arena/CNN Center Station (W-1). For access to events in Building C, use the W-1 station above, or use the Vine City Station (W-2). Both stations are footsteps away from the entrances to the Georgia World Congress Center.

**Patrons coming from the North or South to the Dome should:** Transfer free at Five Points to any westbound train to the Philips Arena/Dome/GWCC Station or, take the train to Five Points Station, and walk west on Marietta Street, or, take the train to Peachtree Center Station, and walk west on Andrew Young International Blvd.

**Patrons coming from the East should** take the train to the Philips Arena/Dome/GWCC Station, and follow the crowd from the platform up the walkway to the Dome.

**Patrons coming from the West should** take the train to the Vine City Station, and follow the crowd across Northside Drive to the Dome.

## Parking

There are several lots available for parking. Please see the attached link:

[http://www.gadome.com/about/parking\\_maps.html](http://www.gadome.com/about/parking_maps.html). Prices vary.

To get the parking price rates, please call the Georgia Dome Parking office at (404) 223-4100

## Team Trailer Parking

There is no overnight parking for team trailers-Contact your hotel for local areas to park.

## Early Registration

Three (3) team members will be able to uncrate the robot and register on Wednesday evening.

Each must wear safety glasses for this process, so remember to bring them and your gloves for the uncrating.

## Buddy System

Stay safe! Be sure that your team uses the buddy system when traveling on site, to and from the event, and whenever traveling through the city. Have your team contact information in place.

## FIRST Finale

The **FIRST** Finale will be held in Centennial Park on Saturday night after the Awards Ceremony. Teams will receive tickets as part of their hotel package. Onsite ticket sales have yet to be determined due to capacity issues. <http://www.steelemeetings.com/>

## Site Restrictions

Please read the following restrictions and adhere to them in order to promote an orderly, safe, pleasant, and exciting competition. As a group, we all should honor agreements with the venue and help promote the spirit of good partnership.

## **Please:**

- **Do not bring food** on the site. If you bring food, do not bring it onto the property.
- **Do not use noisy devices**, such as whistles or air horns.
- **Do not save seats**. It is not fair to other teams or to the public guests we hope to interest as team sponsors or volunteers.
- **Do not ship robots directly to the site**. All shipments go through the Drayage Company.
- **Do not try to arrange for Internet access** on the site or bring free phone lines for same.
- **Do not sell any products**. This includes food, hats, shirts, or any promotional products.
- **Do not give out any free food products**, such as candy, water, soft drinks, or fruit. You may trade team pins, however.
- **Do not bring any type of gas tanks, including helium**
- **Do not bring live bands** to play in the audience. This dilutes the presentation on the playing field and is too loud and confusing for the audience.
- **Do not play loud music in the Pit** because it interferes with important announcements. If a team receives more than a warning or two, the power to the team's Pit Station will be shut off and/or the music confiscated.
- **Do not run in the venue**.
- **All load in will be through the front of building C at the Georgia World Congress Center. There will be no dock access for any teams.**
- **Open-toed shoes or Crocs are not allowed.**
- **Do not form "tunnels"** during the Awards Ceremony or at any time since this can cause discomfort to those traveling through them. It also creates safety issues.

## **FIRST Consent Form Revisions Overview**

*FIRST* has revised the Consent and Release Form with several goals in mind: 1) simplifying the process by creating a unified form; 2) collecting participant data to make it possible to conduct more effective outreach and marketing to alumni; 3) and give *FIRST* the capacity to conduct regular follow-up studies of its participants in order to better demonstrate impact. This information is critical to *FIRST* because it will provide a roadmap for the organization, guide program implementation and management, and communicate more confidently the impact to schools, sponsors and other groups. In order for *FIRST* to quantitatively state that our programs are positively impacting participating students, corporations, schools and communities we need to collect information on the individual level. The Consent Forms are the only place where *FIRST* collects that type of information.

The goal of the *FIRST* Consent Forms is to ensure the following:

- To get consent and release of liabilities due to harm and/or injury *for FIRST* and *FIRST's* "Cooperating Entities"
- To grant *FIRST* the right to use participant's likeness during the participation in *FIRST* events
- To ensure that agents of *FIRST* and on behalf of *FIRST* can collect and analyze information for us
- To grant *FIRST* the right to contact the Parent/Guardian and participants at a later time for evaluation and/or announce other benefits like alumni outreach efforts

Because we are dealing with youth and youth information, *FIRST* must be in compliance with the US Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (under the age 13) and the Canadian Online Protection Act. Make sure each person under 18 has a legal parent/guardian sign it also.

**The following form is the only acceptable *FIRST* form for the 2009 FRC events. Complete the following form *only* if this is your first attendance at a 2009 FRC Competition.**

**2008-09 CONSENT, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND AUTHORIZATION TO REPRODUCE PHYSICAL LIKENESS**

Program: FRC\_\_\_\_ FTC\_\_\_\_ FLL\_\_\_\_ JFLL\_\_\_\_ Kickoff \_\_\_\_\_ Event(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Team# \_\_\_\_\_  
 Role:  Mentor  Team Leader  Student Participant  Volunteer  Supporters

This is a Consent and Release of Rights in favor of the United States Foundation For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, and its officers, directors, employees, successors and assigns ("FIRST"), as well as entities designated and approved to assist FIRST in managing, contracting, sponsoring, hosting, conducting, evaluating or publicizing (including individuals and entities working with FIRST in print, publication, television, broadcast or video media) FIRST's programs ("FIRST's Cooperating Entities") including any and all FIRST Place, the FIRST LEGO® League ("FLL"), Junior FIRST LEGO League ("JFLL") FIRST Tech Challenge ("FTC"), and FIRST Robotics Competition ("FRC") Events (the "FIRST Events"). As used below, "Participant" means any individual, student, mentor, teacher, or volunteer involved in a FIRST event. (Mascots, cheerleaders, and band squads ("Supporters") not only attending but participating in a FIRST Event should also sign this Consent Form.) In consideration of accepting my participation in one or more FIRST Events, I agree to the following:

I hereby grant to FIRST, to FIRST's Cooperating Entities, and to the press and media admitted into FIRST Events the right to photograph, videotape, or otherwise digitally collect my likeness, voice and sounds (as "Works") during my participation at the FIRST Event(s). I acknowledge the Works to be works made for hire, and otherwise irrevocably assign and grant to FIRST and to FIRST's Cooperating Entities all rights in these Works and the right to use or sublicense these Works and my name, likeness and biography, in FIRST's discretion, in all media and in all forms and for all purposes, including without limitation, advertising and other promotions for FIRST or the FIRST's Cooperating Entities, without any further consideration to me or any limitation whatsoever. It is a FIRST policy not to print a minor's name with his/her picture without specific permission from his/her parent or guardian.

There are risks inherent in participating in FIRST Events, including the risks inherent in the construction of robots and LEGO structures, as well as in working with electrical connections, traveling to and from events, and participating in public competitions. These risks include the risk of bodily harm (including without limitation, death) and property damage. Being fully cognizant of the risks in participating in an Event, I hereby assume those risks. Except to the extent due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of FIRST or FIRST's Cooperating Entities, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, I HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE ANY CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION which I may now or hereafter have against FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities arising in connection with my participation in any FIRST Event, and I will indemnify and hold harmless FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities against any and all claims resulting from such participation, including, without limitation, claims for compensation, defamation, or invasion of privacy, or other infringements or violations of personal or property rights of any sort whatsoever.

In the event I should sustain injuries or illness while involved in an FIRST Event, I hereby authorize FIRST and FIRST's Cooperating Entities to administer, or cause to be administered, such first aid or other treatment and medications I may bring as may be necessary under the circumstances, to include treatment by a physician or hospital of FIRST's or FIRST's Cooperating Entities' choice.

This Release shall be binding upon my heirs, my personal representatives and assigns, and me and shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, which shall be the venue for any legal action. This Release constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter of this Release and supersedes any and all such previous agreements among the parties, whether written or oral.

FIRST strongly believes in confidentiality of all contact information. FIRST promises that it will not rent, sell or distribute this contact information to any organization other than those directly involved in the operation and support of FIRST programs. FIRST will be using the personal contact information provided here as part of its participant database and to contact the FIRST participant and/or the participant's guardian as part of its research, program evaluation, or alumni outreach efforts, or other related outreach activities as they may occur.

Unless I check this box  to remove my consent, I hereby grant to FIRST the right to use the personal contact information provided here for FIRST's research, program evaluation, alumni efforts and/or other outreach activities.

**I understand that this form involves a release of legal rights.**

Participant Name [Print Clearly]	Participant Signature	Date
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____		
Phone: Home ( ) _____ Email address: _____ Gender: _____ (M) _____ (F)		
Date of Birth: Month: ___ Date: ___ Year: ___ Ethnicity (optional): <input type="radio"/> Hispanic <input type="radio"/> Non-Hispanic		
Race: (optional) <input type="radio"/> African-American <input type="radio"/> Asian/Pacific Islander <input type="radio"/> Native American/Alaskan <input type="radio"/> White <input type="radio"/> Multiple races		

For Participants under the age of eighteen (18) years listed above: I hereby consent and agree to the above on Page 1 (one) as the Parent/Legal Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (minor's name), in which case "I", "me" and "my" as used herein shall refer to said minor.