

# THE CHAMPIONSHIP SITE INFORMATION

April 15-17, 2010

## Event Location

**COMPETITION:** Georgia Dome

One Georgia Dome Drive

Atlanta, GA 30313-1591

**Phone:** (404) 223 4300

**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/>

## 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/first/>

## 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 \$2.00 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, both at the GWCC and the Georgia Dome. Please see the attached links:

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

<http://www.gwcc.com/directions/directions/BuildingC.aspx>

Prices have been negotiated to between \$8 and \$10 per day. Most of the higher rates are at the Dome parking decks. It should be noted that the blue lot at the GWCC will now offer 24 hour parking (unsecured) for team trailers, etc. at \$8 per day.

## 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.firstchampionshiphousing.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. Your crate will not be accepted.
- **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 2010 FRC events. Remember to bring your completed forms to your initial competition event if your team members have not already completed one online. This is for all the persons on your team. Make sure each person under 18 also has signed copy by a legal parent/guardian.**

**UNITED STATES FOUNDATION FOR THE INSPIRATION AND RECOGNITION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**(US FIRST)**

**2009-10 CONSENT, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND AUTHORIZATION TO REPRODUCE PHYSICAL LIKENESS**

**Program:** FRC \_\_\_\_\_ FTC \_\_\_\_\_ FLL \_\_\_\_\_ Jr.FLL \_\_\_\_\_ Team# \_\_\_\_\_

**Role (Check all that apply):**  Mentor/Coach  Team Leader  Team Member  Volunteer  Teacher  Supporter

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, assigns, and volunteers who are working at the authorization or direction of FIRST® (“FIRST”) with respect to the programs and events officially offered by FIRST. This includes FIRST Place, FIRST LEGO® League (“FLL” ®), Junior FIRSTLEGO League (“Jr.FLL™”), FIRST Tech Challenge (“FTC®”), and FIRST Robotics Competition (“FRC™”) events - (collectively the “FIRST Events”). “Participant” means any individual, student, team member, mentor, coach, teacher, or volunteer involved in a FIRST event. Mascots, cheerleaders, band squads and other individuals or groups actively supporting teams (“Supporters”) not only attending, but participating in a FIRST Event should also sign this Consent Form.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in one or more FIRST Events, I agree to the following:  
I hereby grant to FIRST the right to photograph, videotape, or otherwise digitally collect my likeness, voice and sounds (as “Works”) during my presence at the FIRST Event(s) and assign and grant all rights in these Works to FIRST. This gives FIRST the right to use or sublicense these Works and my name, likeness and biography, in FIRST’s discretion, in all media, for the promotion of FIRST and its mission and program. I also acknowledge that FIRST Events are semi-public events that may be attended by the members of the press, business corporations, and media (“commercial guests”) not under the control of FIRST who might photograph or videotape the event. As a matter of practice, FIRST asks commercial guests to comply with the FIRST policy of not printing a minor’s name with his/her picture, and FIRST asks them not to use images of Participants or attendees for commercial purposes without obtaining specific written permission from the person or a minor’s parent/guardian.

There are risks inherent in participating in FIRST Events, including risks 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 or loss. Being fully cognizant of the risks of participating in an Event, I hereby assume those risks. Except to the extent due to the gross negligence or willful misconduct of FIRST, 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 arising in connection with my participation in any FIRST Event or arising from unofficial FIRST programs and events offered by others. I hold harmless FIRST, 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 a FIRST Event, I hereby authorize FIRST to provide or arrange for first aid, medications, and hospital treatment needed as determined by FIRST.

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 the confidentiality of all contact information. FIRST promises that it will not rent or sell this contact information. Unless I check this box  to remove my consent, I hereby grant to FIRST and local FIRST groups the right to use the personal contact information provided here to support and promote FIRST, and its research, program evaluation, alumni efforts and/or other outreach activities.

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

Participant Name [Printed] \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth [M/D/Y] \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: Home ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_(M) \_\_\_(F)

Race: (optional)  African-American  Asian/Pacific Islander  Native American/Alaskan  White  Multiple races

For Participants under the age of eighteen (18) years listed above: I hereby consent and agree to the above as the Parent/Legal Guardian of (minor’s name), in which case “I”, “me” and “my” as used herein shall refer to said minor.

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**Parent or Legal Guardian Signature**

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**Print Parent or Guardian Name**

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**Date**