

# Participation Rules

In August 2017, BananaBots decided to participate in the FIRST Lego League 2017/2018 Challenge Tournament. This year's theme is HYDRO DYNAMICS CHALLENGE.

The goal of this tournament is for our team members to learn skills in robotics, teamwork, independent research, documentation, presentation, time management and working / competing under pressure, to name just a few. Both the kids and parents should keep in mind that winning is not the end goal of this exercise. It's great if the team receives an award, however, the most important thing is that our kids learn something new through this process.

In order to ensure BananaBot's successful completion of the First Lego League 2017 Challenge NJ tournament, the club's coach team established basic ground rules for both team members and parents to follow. Failure to abide by these rules could result in ineligibility for participation in activities related to the tournament.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Currently the BananaBot FFL 2017 Challenge Tournament Team is expected to meet twice a week (Saturday and Sunday), every week from September 16 to November 12. Each meeting lasts 2 hours.

## TEAM MEMBERS

1. Team members shall make all decisions and do all the work on the Robot Game and Project. This includes deciding on strategy, building, programming, researching, choosing a problem and innovative solution, and presenting at a tournament.
2. Individual team member shall take their own responsibilities and have specific areas to lead.
3. Team members shall respect the coaches and their teammates, and try their best to help each other.
4. Team members shall be considerate to the host family and meet with minimum disturbances.

5. All participating members are required to come to the meetings specified in SCHEDULE on time. Any missed practice will result in entire team's falling behind schedule. If a member misses a meet with no acceptable reasons, he/she may be disqualified for participating in the tournament.

## ADULTS

1. Parents shall ensure that team members read, accept and abide by the rules above.
2. Coaches and parents play an important role in coaching and supporting their team, but the team's robot and Project should be the work of team members.
3. Coaches are responsible for setting up guidelines and initially help the team to manage time.
4. Coaches do not need to be involved in detailed technical work. However, coaches shall provide guidance for the team to do their own research and exploration to solve problems.
5. Parents must ensure team members' full attendance of all team meetings specified in SCHEDULE.
6. Parents shall drop off their children on time, respect host family's privacy and cause minimum disturbance.
7. Parents shall share responsibilities for meeting logistics such as assisting coaches, bringing snack, fund raising and taking activity photos.
8. Parents shall share all cost of this challenge including material and registration fees based on the number of participants.

As challenging as this tournament may be, we believe this is an exciting opportunity for the kids to learn and grow in a fun and productive way. And that the parents will also enjoy the the rewarding experience working with our brilliant young minds.

By signing below, I hereby acknowledge that I have completely read and fully accepted BananaBot's First Lego League 2017/2018 Challenge Tournament Participation Rules.

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Team member's name

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Parent's signature

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Date