

NEW YORK TECH VALLEY REGIONAL SITE AND SAFETY PLAN

MARCH 29 – APRIL 1, 2023

EVENT LOCATION:

MVP Arena
51 S Pearl St
Albany, NY 12207 USA

Event: <https://www.techvalleyfirst.org/>

Airport: [Albany International Airport](#)

Public Transportation: [Capital District Transportation Authority](#)

SAFETY PLAN: See page 2 of this document.

NOTE: The event site will not accept or store team robots or toolboxes, except from teams outside the US.

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 use skateboards or 'hoverboards'**. This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use drones.** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not bring bottled gas tanks (e.g., helium).** This is a safety concern.
- **Do not use noisy devices**, such as floor stompers, whistles and/or air horns.
- **Do not** arrange for Internet access or phone lines from venue service providers or attempt to use venue internet connections reserved for event purposes (e.g., FMS or streaming).
- **Do not sell any products.** This includes food, hats, shirts, or any promotional products.
- **Do not distribute any food products**, such as candy, water, soft drinks, or fruit.
- **Do not sell raffle tickets.**
- **Do not use walkie-talkies.**
- **Do not invite or 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 Pit will be shut off and/or the music device confiscated.
- **Do not form "tunnels"** during the Awards Ceremony. This can cause discomfort to those traveling through them and creates safety issues.
- **Do not save seats.**
- **Do not wear open-toed shoes.**



COVID-19 Health and Safety Policy for New York Tech Valley FIRST Robotics Competition – (as of August 2022)

We care about the health and safety of all participants, volunteers, and stakeholders who are involved with *FIRST* robotics programs. As part of our efforts to ensure the safest possible environment for learning and engagement to occur, *FIRST* NY Tech Valley has developed the following guidelines and protocols. These are subject to change at any time based on current local, state, and national safety guidelines.

KEY ACTIONS FOR PERSONAL WELL BEING Each individual participant has a responsibility to contribute to the overall safety of the event by following these personal well-being standards:

- All attendees are expected to comply with all required health and safety guidelines.
- Event registration: All team participants, volunteers and staff are required to register to attend the event either through volunteer registration, VIP invitation, or through inclusion on the team's roster that indicates a signed Consent and Release agreement for each attendee.
- Self-Evaluation: All attendees are encouraged to perform a brief daily health self-evaluation to check for common symptoms of illness before entering the event.
- Attendees should not attend the event if they have symptoms of illness or have recently been in close contact with someone with symptoms of illness.
- Face coverings: Face coverings are encouraged for all attendees.
- Vaccination: Vaccination greatly reduces the risks associated with COVID-19. *FIRST* strongly recommends everyone who is eligible and has access to a vaccine consult with their physician and be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with booster shots if applicable, prior to attending the event.
- Social Distancing: When possible, attendees are encouraged to practice social distancing and to remain in cohorts to limit interactions with those outside of their group.
- Attendees are expected to practice good hand hygiene and keep their pits cleaned and sanitized.
- Safety Glasses: *FIRST* volunteers will not distribute safety glasses to teams this year. Please bring an adequate supply of safety glasses for your team and attendees on your roster. Those without safety glasses are asked to enjoy the event in any areas where safety glasses are not required.
- Any person entering this event is required to abide by the current health and safety policy and the [FIRST Code of Conduct](#). Non-compliance may result in removal from this event and being barred from future participation in *FIRST* activities.