

Responsibilities and Expectations of the Austin High School Robotics Team

RESPONSIBILITIES

Professional Conduct - Robotics Team members will conscientiously and professionally fulfill their assigned responsibilities relative to sponsors, engineering mentors, administrators, and other team members. They will meet reasonable standards of work quality and quantity, as established by their sponsors and mentors. When fulfilling workplace responsibilities:

- Team members will be responsible for completing all schoolwork.
- Team members will be responsible for informing teachers of robotics-related absences and will coordinate make-up work with teachers.
- Team members will abide by the rules of Austin High School as well as the Decatur City Schools Code of Conduct.
- Team members will maintain regular attendance and provide an acceptable quantity and quality of work as determined by the director of their team component.
- Team members as well as sponsors, engineers, and mentors will be responsible for encouraging intellectual and social growth of the team.
- Team members keep a notebook in which they will take notes and write all steps involved in solving a problem.
- Team members will be responsible for work deadlines.
- Team members will be responsible for turning in all fees and permission slips on or before the given due date.
- Team members will inform their director before a scheduled meeting absence.

Fairness – Robotics team members will be fair and treat all members of the team equitably:

- Team members will promote the spirit of BEST.
- Team members will treat other members of the team with dignity and respect.
- Team members will respect the diversity of individuals in the garage and other work areas and respect the differences among them.
- Team members will not use threatening, intimidating, or abusive language, or otherwise engage in conduct that creates an interference in the work environment.

Compliance – Team members will comply with safety procedures:

- Team members will follow all safety rules governing the work area.
- Team members will report any unsafe work area to sponsors or mentors.

EXPECTATIONS

The benefit of being in an extra-curricular activity such as Robotics Team is that you have an on-going, direct, one-on-one communication with sponsors, mentors, and administrators. Along with building a robot team members also “build” in the following areas:

CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

- Enhances problem solving skills
- Learns conflict resolution
- Strengthens analytical and objective thinking skills
- Develops creativity
- Accepts responsibility for one’s choices
- Identifies area of strengths and weaknesses
- Works with a variety of technologies

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- Sets goals
- Develops foresight and persistence
- Develops effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Enhances organizational skills
- Team work
- Assumes an active role on the team
- Provides feedback

SOCIAL INTEGRITY

- Works cooperatively
- Contributes to the overall team effort
- Explores alternate theories and viewpoints
- Communicates effectively with team members, sponsors, mentors and administrators.

2004-2005 Code of Conduct Austin High School Robotics Team Members

Each Austin High School Robotics Team member whether a participant, observer, or supporter attending any activity or competition is to adhere to the following rules:

1. All Austin High School and Decatur City Schools Code of Conduct rules will be enforced. (Certain dress code regulations will be waived at the discretion of the sponsor at competition events).
2. Robotics Team T-Shirts will be worn during regional and national competitions.
3. There will be no defacing of public property. Any damages to any property of furnishings in hotel rooms or other buildings must be paid by the individual responsible. This includes property at competitions and activities.
4. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited, as is smoking. Members violating this rule will be sent home from competition events at their own expense.
5. Inappropriate behavior, insubordination, and/or belligerence will not be tolerated.
6. All team members will exhibit good sportsmanship AT ALL TIMES.
7. No outside phone calls are to be made using hotel phones.
8. Use of movies and games attached to hotel TV's is prohibited.
9. NO ROOM SERVICE.
10. While traveling, be financially responsible.
11. Be prompt and prepared for meetings as well as competition events.
12. While traveling, curfew will be enforced.

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I, _____ have read and understood the Regulations, Expectations, and Code of Conduct for the 2004-2005 Austin High School Robotics Team and by signing my name below, have agreed to abide by these rules .

(Signature)

(Date)