

# DOWNINGTOWN SHOWDOWN TOURNAMENT

Parents and Guardians,

We have our first in-person competition on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. All teams will be competing, except for W and D (they will both be competing at our home competition the following week). For about half of our team, this will be the first in-person competition they will be a part of. Because of this, I've placed a short 10-min video on our website, under the 'Resources' tab, that explains what parents and students should expect from the day. This is when our younger students really get to see what all the fuss is about, because nothing can really replace the excitement of running live matches against other robots. The Downingtown organization has a robust set of safety measures in place, and everyone will be as socially-distanced as possible throughout the event.

## A few other things you should know:

1. We still cannot provide transportation at this time. This will not resume until social distancing measures can be relaxed in society in general.
2. Students need to bring a bagged lunch for the event, or could possibly get food from the court in the mall (this isn't guaranteed though).
3. Students need to wear masks at all times, and it is recommended to bring a face shield if at all possible.
4. Students need to fill out a wellness check before they leave Saturday morning, the link will be placed on the robotics website under the event.
5. There will not be any spectators allowed at the event. The event coordinator explained to me that anyone else in that space would take any available spots from other teams, because of the occupancy limits and COVID restrictions. Although this is again disappointing, they are putting in a tremendous amount of effort and caution to host these events, and I think we need to just celebrate that normal 2v2 matches will finally be occurring this season. This will take place in the JCPenney's in the mall, and as such, I do not believe that parents will have any access to view live matches at all. The entire event will be livestreamed though.

I've provided all other important event information on the next sheet, in an attempt to make it easy to print this out and post in your home. Let me know if you have any questions for me, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Mr. Brandon Petcaugh

# Downingtown Showdown, March 13<sup>th</sup>

## Event Dates

Date: 03/13/2021

Venue/Location:

Exton Square  
260 Exton Square Parkway  
Exton, Pennsylvania 19341  
United States

## Agenda

8:00 doors open  
8:15 registration and check in  
9:00 team meeting  
9:15 tournament  
12:00 lunch  
1:00 tournament  
3:15 alliance selection  
4:00 awards

<b>STUDENTS REMEMBER:</b>	<b>TEAMS BRING:</b>
Bagged lunch	Robot
Wear blue team shirt and khakis	Toolbox
Arrive on time, 8:30 AM at the latest	Safety Goggles (x3)
Face mask	Charged batteries (x2)
FILL OUT WELLNESS CHECK before leaving home on Saturday	Charged controller
Laptop for programming code	

## LIVESTREAM

If the event partner provides a streaming link, it will be placed on our site here:

<http://cs.holyghostprep.org/robotics/events.php>

## F.A.Q.

### What if we arrive late?

Your team will not be allowed to compete at the event. Please plan your route out in advance. Contact the coach if anything comes up, so he can sort it out with the event organizer.

### How many teams are competing? 30!

### Will this qualify my team for anything?

Yes. If you place in the top 8 teams, you will most likely be invited to the state championship. This info will be announced to teams afterward.