Iowa FLL Championships

Spectator Notes

Traveling to Ames: First, check the road conditions by visiting the Iowa DOT website at http://511ia.org/. Teams staying in Ames can view a list of hotels and rates here: https://www.isek.iastate.edu/files/2014/12/Ames-Hotels.pdf

Please review the Iowa FLL Inclement Weather Policy ahead of time, in the advent of bad weather. In the case the event has to cancelled, we will post the cancellation to our website.

Parking: Parking is available in general parking lots on the ISU campus at no cost on the weekends. However, there are many restricted and metered spaces that are enforced 24/7, so be sure to read the signs to ensure you are in an allowable parking space/lot. For a campus map, including parking lots, visit http://www.fpm.iastate.edu/maps/.

Doors to the tournament open to the public and teams at 7:45AM. We ask that teams not plan to arrive until 7:45 or later to allow the ISU FLL Planning Team to finalize tournament preparations and so that our volunteers can arrive and be ready for teams. No spectators or participants will be allowed in before 7:45AM!

Schedule: Copies of the general and detailed schedules are available at www.isek.iastate.edu/fll/schedules-and-program

Facilities: This event takes place across several campus buildings. Robot Game matches take place in Howe Hall. Judging occurs in Howe Hall, Hoover Hall, and Sukup Hall. Outreach activities and demonstrations will take place primarily in Black Engineering and Marston Hall. Team Pits are located in Town Engineering and the College of Design building.

Thanks in advance for helping to keep our facilities clean by picking up your trash and respecting ISU buildings/property. Notify the info desk attendants if there are any facility concerns (locations are marked on floor plans). We ask that you only enter rooms designated for the tournament. Posted signs will aid you in finding your way around and knowing which areas are designated quiet zones.

Dining: Dining options for the Championship include on campus dining centers, ABE Harvest café (located in Sukup Hall), food trucks, or off-site vendors.

Opening/Closing Ceremonies: The Ceremonies take place in Howe Hall and is the kick-off to the day. However, Championship Teams only will have admittance to the lower level of Howe Hall for the Opening Ceremony. We encourage spectators to view the Ceremonies in the Howe and Hoover Hall Auditoriums.
Event: Appropriate dress for this event is dependent on the weather. You will be outside for periods of time when moving between buildings. Make sure to plan appropriately for jackets/sweatshirts, if needed. Comfortable shoes are a must. You may do a lot of walking.

Atmosphere: Everyone should expect loud music and cheering! However, near the judging rooms, teams and spectators are asked to be quiet so to not adversely affect teams in their judging sessions.

Open to the Public: The Championships bring in a significant number of people to campus. We follow both FIRST and ISU standards for youth protection. However, this event is open to the public. Please make sure all youth know that they MUST be with an adult at ALL TIMES.