

In-Person RoboBoat Cancellation Announcement

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1.1. Email Details

SENT: Friday, April 24, 2020

TO: 2020 Team Leads & Advisors

FROM: Hitesh Patel

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update: 2020 RoboBoat Competition Status Change

1.2. Email Message

Hello Teams,

The health and safety of the RoboNation community is the highest priority for our team. As COVID-19 continues to spread around the world, we know that many regions are facing school and office closures, travel restrictions, and other challenges that affect each of our daily lives. As a result, we have made the very difficult decision to cancel the in-person portion of the 2020 RoboBoat Competition.

View the official announcement here: <https://robonation.org/2020/04/24/covid-19-response:-2020-roboboat-competition-status-change/>

While we won't have the opportunity to meet in person this year, we are excited to stay engaged and shift efforts online to highlight and reward your incredible work. Next week, we will be opening submissions to collect your Technical Design Report, Team Video and Website for review and scoring. Stay tuned for more information next week on some additional opportunities, designed to keep your team engaged in all RoboBoat efforts! We'll even end the summer with a virtual gathering to announce prizes and gear up for 2021.

Until then, we would like to offer your team two opportunities in regard to your registration fee you paid earlier this year: 1) forward-fund your 2020 registration to the 2021 Competition; 2) full 100% registration fee refund. Please fill out the following form before **May 11**, indicating which choice your team would like to move forward with: <https://robonation.typeform.com/to/nvrwvB>.

We recognize this year will be different and that each team has worked incredibly hard designing and building your vehicles. For all of you, especially those first-year teams, we are looking forward to seeing what you all have been working on and can't wait to see it in action next year! If you are a senior and graduating, we want to applaud you for the tremendous work you have put in and hope to stay connected as you embark on this new adventure in your career. Don't forget, you can still support your team according to the Participation and Eligibility Requirements in the [RoboBoat Rules](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you may have. Thank you for your time and stay safe.