

In-Person RoboSub Cancellation Announcement

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1. In-Person RoboBoat Cancellation Announcement – April 24, 2020

1.1. Email Details

SEND: Friday, May 8, 2020 TO: 2020 Team Leads & Advisors

FROM: Hitesh Patel

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update: 2020 RoboSub Competition Status Update

1.2. Email Message

Hello Teams,

The health and safety of the RoboNation community remain the highest priority for our team, as we continue monitoring the COVID-19 situation. With the spread continuing around the world and areas being affected in different ways, we have made the very difficult decision to cancel the inperson portion of the 2020 RoboSub Competition.

View the official announcement here: https://robonation.org/2020/05/08/covid-19-response:-2020-robosub-competition-status-update/

Even though we won't have the opportunity to meet in person this year, we are thrilled to stay engaged and highlight and reward your incredible work by shifting the submissions portion of RoboSub 2020 online. Next week, we will be releasing information on collecting your Technical Design Report, Team Video and Website for review and scoring. Keep an eye out for more engagement opportunities, including an end-of-summer virtual gathering to announce prizes and prepare for 2021. Mark your calendar for **Friday, May 15**, as we will host a video call to check in and answer any questions you may have. The call information will be sent to you and shared on the Band App soon.

Until then, we would like to offer your team two opportunities regarding your RoboSub 2020 registration fee: 1) forward-fund your 2020 registration to the 2021 Competition; 2) 100% registration fee refund. Please fill out the following form before **June 8**, indicating which of the above choices your team would like to move forward with: https://robonation.typeform.com/to/nb4GrE.

We recognize this year has been significantly different and that each of you have 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 RoboSub Rules.

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

