



2024 International SeaPerch Challenge
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I, _____, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the 2024 International SeaPerch Challenge and related activities ("Competition") hosted by RoboNation, Inc. ("RoboNation").

I acknowledge that participation in the Competition is a benefit offered to me and/or the above-named minor. I further acknowledge that I and the above-named minor have read, understood and voluntarily agree to abide by all rules applying to the Competition, including the tenets of the RoboNation Code of Conduct while attending or participating in the Competition.

I understand that my participation in the Competition comes with inherent risks. RoboNation, the State of Maryland, and the University of Maryland (hereafter known as "Releasees") make every effort to minimize potential dangers at the Competition; however, such risks can never be completely eliminated.

In exchange for the privilege of participating in the Competition, I agree, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the Releasees, their staff, contractors, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, servants, officers, directors, trustees, shareholders, successors, and volunteers from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever, including bodily injury resulting from the Competition or anyone administering emergency assistance, and including risk of loss or damage to personal property to me or other participants, arising out of my presence at or participation in the Competition, WHETHER IT RESULTS FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR ANY OF THEM OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.

I further agree that, if at any time, I feel any activity during the Competition to be unsafe or if I observe unsafe behavior on the part of other participants/ observers, I will immediately notify the appropriate Competition official and/or refuse to participate in or observe any further activities.

I am fully aware of the risks and potential hazards connected with participating in online elements of the Competition, including but not limited to, the risk of data mining, phishing, viruses, malware, data breach of online information, cyberbullying, exploitation, victimization, cyber stalking, cyber predators, digital footprint, reputation loss, compliance violations, brand hijacking, image replication, and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in the Competition, and engage in such activity knowing that the activity may be hazardous to my property.

I understand that I am participating in the Competition at my own risk and expense and agree that I will not bring any claim or cause of action of any kind or nature against the Releasees. This waiver, release and discharge does not excuse the Releasees for their liability for intentional harms or for reckless, wanton or gross negligence.

I agree to abide by the tenets of the RoboNation Code of Conduct while participating in the Competition. I understand that failure to abide by this Code of Conduct may result in the disqualification of the team and/or participants from the Competition, components of the competition, the full competition, and/or future competitions.

ROBONATION CODE OF CONDUCT

- Give your best effort. Display honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship while engaging in friendly competition.
Compete fairly. All team products are the creation of student's own efforts, ideas, and designs with supporting mentors providing only verbal advice.
Respect others. All participants and guests will display courtesy and respect toward officials, volunteers, other teams, and guests of the Competition.
Act with integrity. All participants and guests will behave in a responsible manner and follow the rules of the competition and host organization.
Support each other. All participants will embody the spirit of RoboNation and endeavor to engage with, learn from, and support one another.

Consent to Recording and Photographic Release: I acknowledge and agree to grant Releasees (including their affiliates and respective employees, directors, volunteers) and assign the right to record, film, live stream, photograph, or capture my likeness in any media now available or hereafter developed and to distribute, broadcast, use, or otherwise globally to disseminate, in perpetuity, such media without any further approval from me or any payment to me.

In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent:

- (a) That I have read the above release, understand it, and sign voluntarily.
(b) That I have no known physical or mental impairment that might increase the likelihood of serious injury from such participation.
(c) That, if signing on behalf of a Minor participant, I have the legal capacity to do so. (Note: U.S. law allows parents of Minors participating in U.S. events to sign this waiver.)

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

I further agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Releasees from any claims or causes of action of any kind arising from my or the above-identified minor's participation in the Competition. By placing my signature below, I acknowledge and agree that I have read this agreement, understood all of the terms and conditions contained herein, and that this agreement will be in full force and effect during all Competition activities.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (for minor participant): _____ Date: _____

