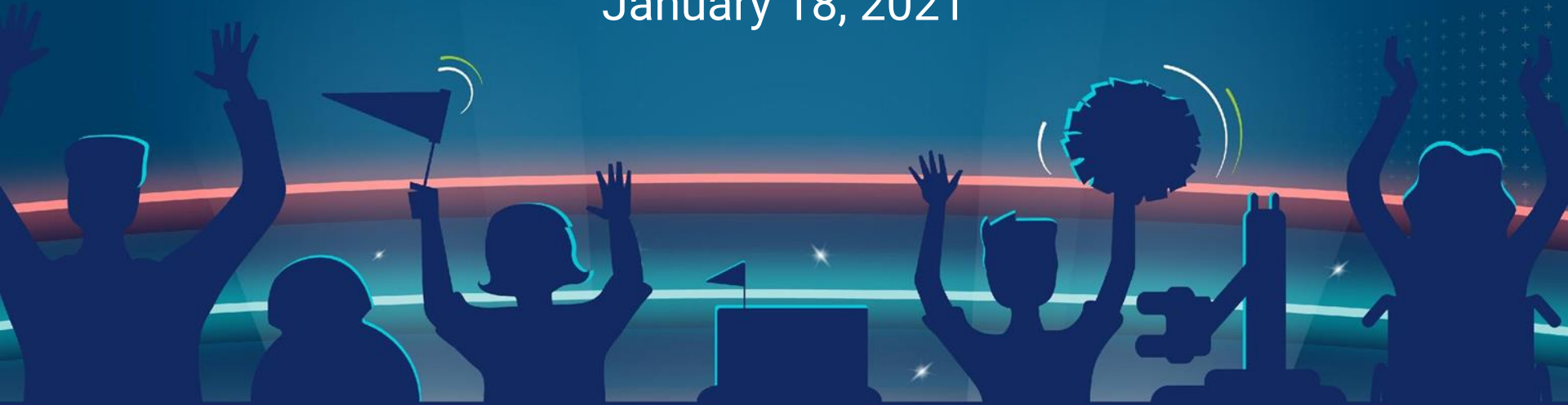


NorCal FTC Town Hall

Season Updates
January 18, 2021



Thanks to our NorCal FTC Sponsors!

Qualcomm

Housekeeping

Everyone is muted

All questions through “question box”

Unanswered questions will be answered on the website

This session is being recorded

link to recording will be posted on the website



Introductions

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Agenda

- Status of Teams
- Status of our events
- Future plans
- Recap of Google event
- Questions



Status of Teams

- Currently have 156 registered FTC teams in NorCal (138 teams completed survey)
 - ~1300 students
 - 76 Community teams
 - 41 Public School teams
 - 10 Private School teams



Status of Events

- 11 events remaining
 - 3 cancelled because less than 12 team registered (2 would have canceled anyway for Covid restrictions)
 - 3 cancelled because of Covid restrictions



Status of Events (cont.)

Between Dec events (12th/13th) had 44 teams registered

Only 4 weren't in a county under new Regional Stay at Home orders

Those same orders are in place currently in place for the Bay Area Region; Sacramento Region counties all still "purple"

All teams are affected/impacted

Regional Stay at home orders don't allow people from different households to gather inside or outside. Exception for schools who were meeting prior to mandate.

- 76 Community teams vs. 51 school teams
- Have to have a minimum of 12 teams to run an event

No option except to cancel.



Status of Events (cont.)

- Decision Timeline
 - Weds prior to match play window opening
- Criteria
 - at least 12 teams registered
 - at least 12 teams not under Regional Stay At Home orders



Status of Events - An Example

- Sacramento QT
 - Event date 1/30/21
 - Match play opens 1/24/21
 - 24 teams
- Three Regions
 - Bay Area (20 teams)
 - Greater Sacramento (3 teams)
 - San Joaquin Valley (1 team)
- 21 of 24 teams under Regional Stay at Home Orders as of 1/18/21
 - Decision date is Weds 1/20



Future Plans

- Frustrating, but must be patient and constantly re-evaluate
- If we cancel “too many” may consider further extending our season
- May limit teams to only 2 plays...?
- More surveys (are teams planning to play, can they?)



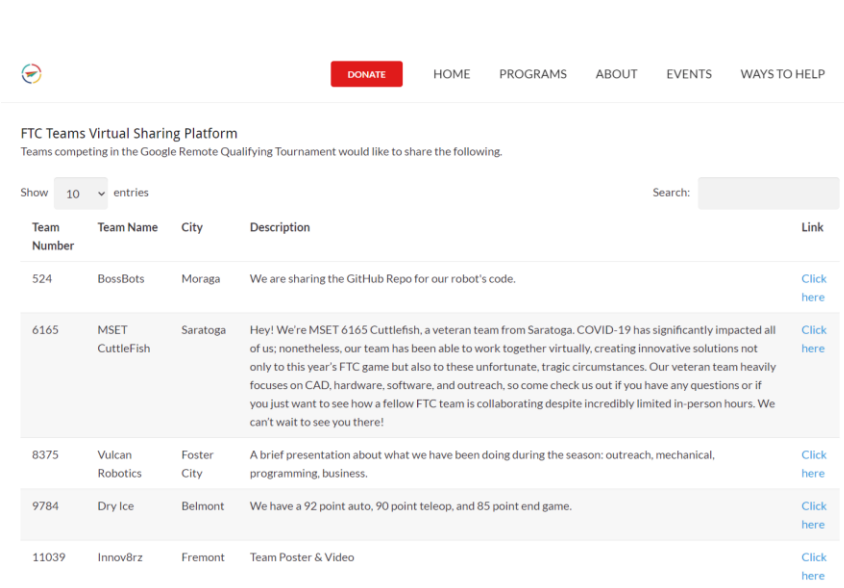
Impact on NorCal FTC & Playing At Learning

- Tournament registration fees major source of operating funds
 - each event cancelled = approx. \$2400 lost revenue
 - 6 cancelled events so far
 - \$15000 lost revenue
 - still incurring expenses
 - trophies, rent, payroll, etc.
- Cancellations not taken lightly
- We may need community support to survive



First Event Re-cap

- 18 teams competed at Google Event
- Was on schedule
- Good reports of scoring system and judging platform
- Good reports of “pit visits” - many recommended
- Example of “share” items
- Few platform problems - ready for the next one!



The screenshot shows the 'FTC Teams Virtual Sharing Platform' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a 'DONATE' button and links for 'HOME', 'PROGRAMS', 'ABOUT', 'EVENTS', and 'WAYS TO HELP'. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'FTC Teams Virtual Sharing Platform' with a subtitle 'Teams competing in the Google Remote Qualifying Tournament would like to share the following.' There is a search bar and a 'Show 10 entries' dropdown menu. The main content is a table with columns for 'Team Number', 'Team Name', 'City', 'Description', and 'Link'.

Team Number	Team Name	City	Description	Link
524	BossBots	Moraga	We are sharing the GitHub Repo for our robot's code.	Click here
6165	MSET CuttleFish	Saratoga	Hey! We're MSET 6165 Cuttlefish, a veteran team from Saratoga. COVID-19 has significantly impacted all of us; nonetheless, our team has been able to work together virtually, creating innovative solutions not only to this year's FTC game but also to these unfortunate, tragic circumstances. Our veteran team heavily focuses on CAD, hardware, software, and outreach, so come check us out if you have any questions or if you just want to see how a fellow FTC team is collaborating despite incredibly limited in-person hours. We can't wait to see you there!	Click here
8375	Vulcan Robotics	Foster City	A brief presentation about what we have been doing during the season: outreach, mechanical, programming, business.	Click here
9784	Dry Ice	Belmont	We have a 92 point auto, 90 point teleop, and 85 point end game.	Click here
11039	Innov8rz	Fremont	Team Poster & Video	Click here



Questions???

To ask a question, please type the question into the Question Box!!!



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