

# **NorCal FTC Regional Pre-Champs Meeting**

2/15/2024



## Congrats — You're going to champs! Here are some to-do's

- Registration Fee - \$350 - pay on team status page
- Team [Jotform](#)
- Promote and Compass Award (optional for ALL NorCal teams)
  - Due by Feb 19th 11:59pm
  - Guidelines sent in Champs invite email from Ashley
  - Please email link of video to [marke@playingatlearning.org](mailto:marke@playingatlearning.org)
- Supply TWO adult volunteers
  - Mention them in your jotform entry
  - Volunteers can apply [HERE](#)
- Make sure you don't need special permission if you're on a school team



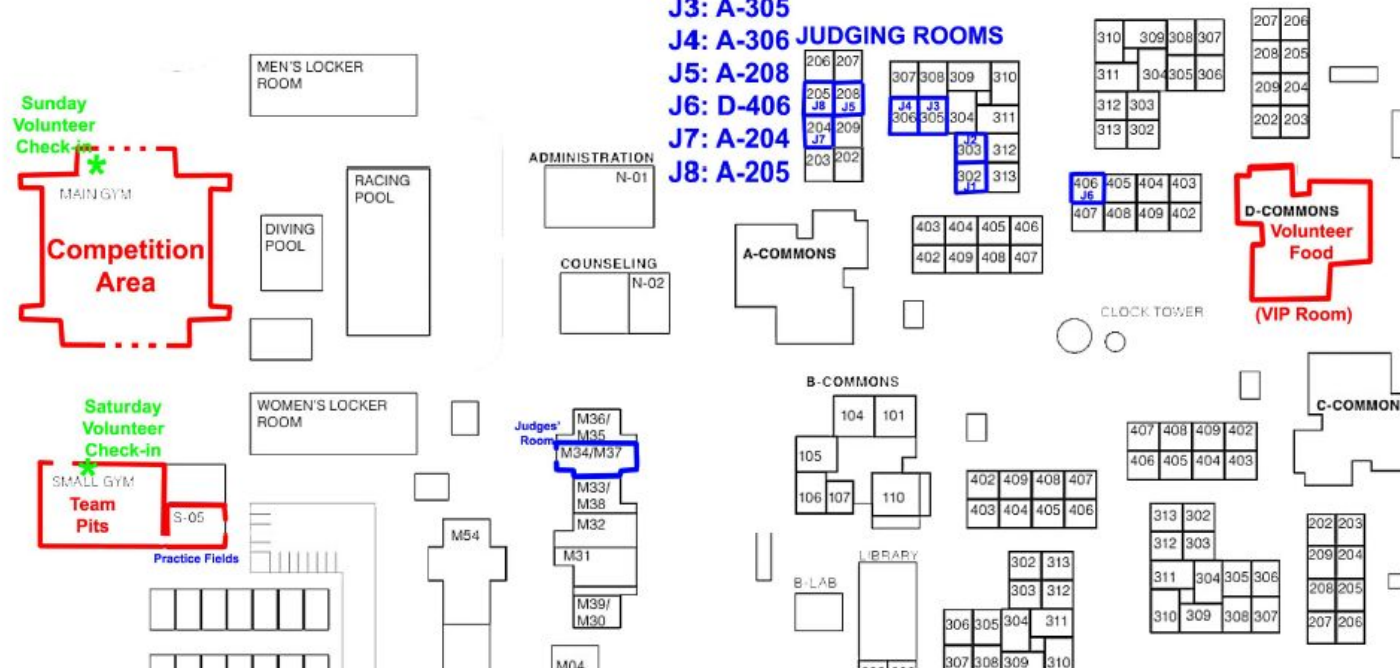
## Where - Independence High School

- East San Jose
  - Just off I-680, between Berryessa and McKee
- Competition Area
  - large/main gym
  - Seats up to 2000 in one side of bleachers
  - NO Food/Drink
- Pits
  - Small gym
  - Directly behind main gym
  - DO NOT PLAN ON "CAMPING OUT" IN PITS
  - NO FOOD/DRINK

# Campus Map

**INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL**  
**617 N. Jackson Avenue**  
**San Jose CA 95133**

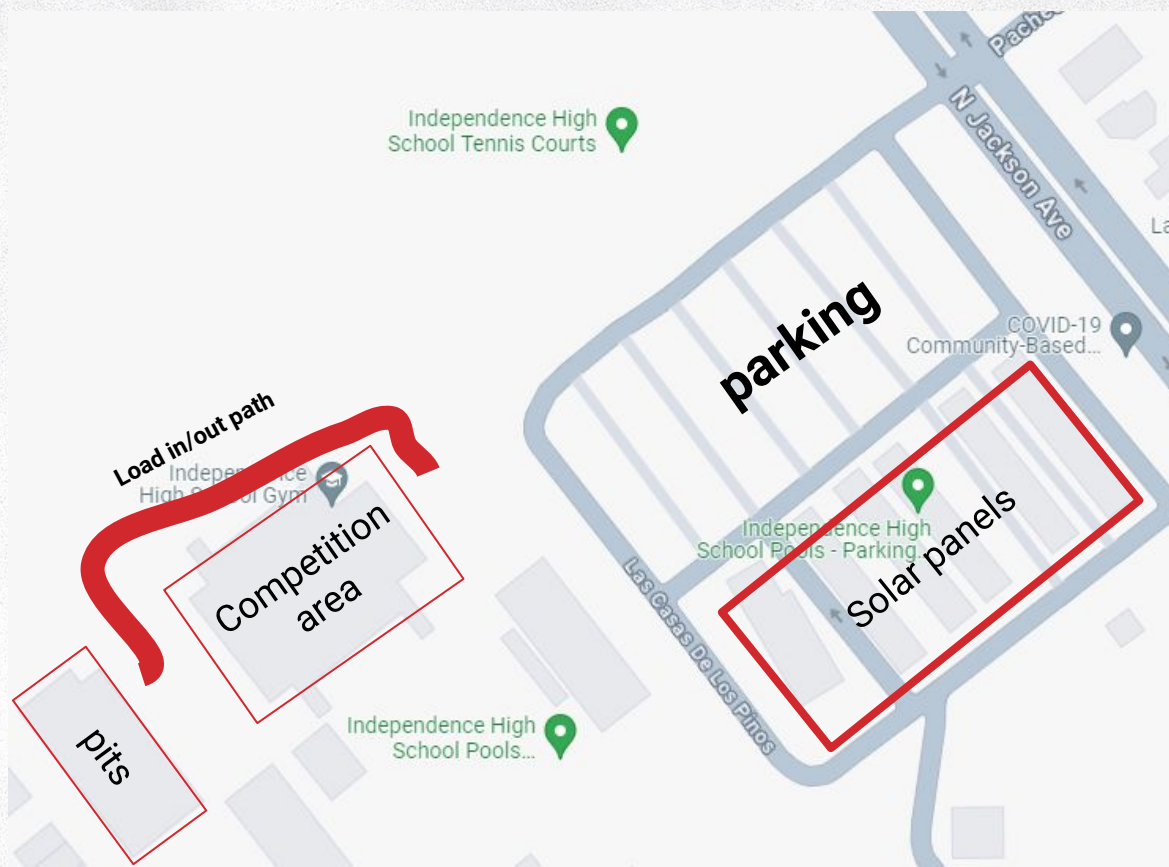
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# Load In/Out

No rear lot  
access!



## Event Schedule (two days)

### Saturday

- arrive Independence 4PM
- Load-in Crew/Set-up 4PM
- Inspections 5PM
- Judging 6PM
- Time to leave 9PM
- PRACTICE FIELDS CLOSED UNTIL SUNDAY



## Event Schedule (two days)

### Sunday

- Pits Open 7:30 AM
- Final Inspections/Team Interviews 7:45 - 9 AM
- Driver's Meeting/**Inspection Closes** 9:00 - 9:15 AM
- Opening Ceremony 9:15 - 9:30 AM
- Qualification Matches 10AM - 12:15 PM
- Lunch 12:15 - 12:45 PM
- Qualification Matches 12:45 - 2:30 PM
- Alliance Selection 2:45 PM
- Elimination Rounds 3:00 - 5:35 PM
- Closing Ceremony 6 PM



# Judging

- Don't be late for your schedule time slot!
  - For most teams this is Saturday night
- Schedule is on a 30 minute cycle
  - 15 minutes with judges
  - 15 minutes for the judges to finalize notes and prepare for the next team
- All initial judging interview need to complete by 9am Sunday



## Why the Push for 9am??

- Opportunity to play 6 matches per team - not just 5
  - More matches makes for more representative rankings
- Requires teams to be responsible about getting judging and inspection done in a timely way!

**YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!**



## Keep in mind

- Judging rooms will be a bit of a walk across campus
  - Be sure to leave 7-10 minutes before session to arrive on time
  - Queuers will help remind you!
- Team pit areas can be setup Saturday night, but no “work/practice”



## Things to Remember/Bring

- Engineering Portfolio
- Control Award Submission Form (if applying)
- Safety Glasses!!!
- Pixels for your team to use when practicing
  - There will NOT be pixels on the practice fields
- Gracious Professionalism



## Your Help Needed!

- One more team to supply a practice field
  - There will be a total of 2 practice fields available
- Bring your pixels for your practice use
  - Not asking teams bringing practice fields to supply pixels



# The Weather

- As of today -
  - High of 60, low of 47
  - Morning showers
- All could change
- About 200-300' between pits and competition area - all uncovered



## Important

- No Food/Drink in any of the gym floor spaces
  - Be clean in all spaces!
- In case of rain - solar panels in parking lot make OK cover
- Practice fields are shared
  - Sharing issues will be discussed with team and reported to judges
- No setup of “team” practice spaces
- No running of robots on bare floors
- Safety glasses and closed-toe/closed-heel shoes!



## Other Items of Interest

- Streaming
  - We are planning to stream via YouTube - one stream per division - links will be published on website
- Live Scores
  - Planning to have match results available via Live Scoring
    - <https://ftc-events.firstinspires.org/2023/USCANOCMP>
- FIRST Championship - Houston 4/17-4/20
  - 4 teams will earn an invitation
  - Advancement announced during awards ceremony
  - Payment due by March 22nd



## Questions??

- Type into “question box”
- Raise hand and we can unmute you