

# Foreword

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## i. Welcome to the CRC Robotics Competition

On behalf of the Educational Alliance for Science and Technology (EAST) and CRC Robotics, welcome and congratulations to all the participants on joining your school's robotics team and embarking on the CRC Robotics Competition journey! Take it from the current leaders of CRC Robotics, who were all former student participants in the CRC Robotics Competition: you will remember this unparalleled experience for many years to come.

We wish to welcome and thank the many teachers, parents, and mentors for embarking on this journey and for all the hard work you will put in to enrich your students' lives throughout this activity. A big thank-you to all the volunteers involved in CRC Robotics, whose dedication has allowed us to hold Vertigoal 2019, our 18<sup>th</sup> annual competition.

In addition, we wish to acknowledge all our partners, without whom CRC Robotics could not exist.

The 2018-2019 CRC Robotics season will have a lot to offer: a new brand identity for our organization, a revamped website, and a completely re-organized rulebook for the Competition! We recommend that you read the rulebook thoroughly; although the unique CRC Robotics Competition experience will remain the same, some modifications were made to the rules.

It is also the first time since 2009 that the Competition is held on the South Shore of Montreal. We wish to thank the Principal of Centennial Regional High School, Sherry Tite, and her team for their warm welcome as the host school and for the time and energy they've put towards the success of this event.

Good luck to all and we will see you at Vertigoal 2019 from February 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at Centennial Regional High School in Greenfield Park.



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## ii. About CRC Robotics

CRC Robotics was founded in 2001 by a group of young professionals and teachers, fueled by their passion for robotics and education. Unsatisfied with the robotics competitions available for high schools and CEGEPs in Canada, they created an annual competition linking science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with computers, arts, and languages.

We've since grown into a non-profit organization run by former participants willing to give other students the chance to participate in the CRC Robotics adventure that has been so much fun for them. The Competition now welcomes teams from coast to coast in a 3-day, action-packed event held annually, in February.

We believe in providing exciting learning opportunities to students with various interests and goals. Under the umbrella of the Educational Alliance for Science and Technology (EAST), we hold events allowing tomorrow's leaders to find their passion and develop key skills that will serve as assets in an ever-changing, global world.

### **In essence, the CRC Robotics Competition is:**

- A coherent body of several competitions, integrating different disciplines and unique challenges, including languages, computers, mathematics, science, art, and much more;
- An experience that develops the qualities of a leader and teaches students about organization and teamwork, since everything is directed and performed by the students;
- An event that involves students from high schools, CEGEPs, and professional vocational centres from all over Canada;
- A challenge that allows students to apply the theoretical knowledge gained in the classroom to a practical application in order to familiarize the students with technology outside of the classroom;
- A chance to take part in an extra-curricular activity and work with students and mentors from different backgrounds and domains (engineers, technicians, university professors, etc.).

The CRC Robotics Competition has seen an increasing number of female student participants over the years, who have also continued their studies in STEM fields! To further expand the participation of girls in STEM, CRC Robotics also organizes an annual networking event for high school and CEGEP girls and non-binary students, entitled *Aim Together*, with the goal of inspiring girls to consider a career in STEM. Our mission is to brand STEM fields, which are thought of primarily as masculine environments, as welcoming to women, in the hopes that girls will consider STEM as a viable career path. For more information on this event, happening in November, or for questions on how to register, please contact the organizers at [conference@sciencetech.ca](mailto:conference@sciencetech.ca).

### iii. Roles within the CRC Robotics Competition

In the CRC Robotics Competition, there are three different roles: students, teachers, and mentors. We have laid out the following responsibilities for each:

1. **Students are to do all the planning and building.** They should be creating the strategies, designing the critical paths, and controlling all aspects of the team. Any work done on any aspect of the Competition must be done entirely by the students.
2. **Teachers are available to provide the support that students may need, only if they need it.** They should not be directing the students, but instead, acting as an advisor. If a student has a question, the teacher may point the student toward the answer or show the student how to find the solution. If a student is unsure of how to accomplish a specific task, the teacher may demonstrate, but any pieces attached to the robot are to be touched only by the students. However, we do realize that there may be times when an educator must step in for academic reasons. We believe that every teacher is a competent professional that can differentiate between teaching and doing.
3. **Mentors are external professionals who may be consulted throughout the course of this activity.** Their job is to help with questions which exceed both the students' and teachers' knowledge. An engineer would have more practical experience; however, the engineer may not direct the students as he/she is acting only as an advisor.

We value the participation of your school, but always keep in mind that this is the students' project. Let them show you what they are made of and let them develop their own skills! Their own work is what truly matters and that is what makes the CRC Robotics Competition so unique and relevant.

#### iv. Participating Schools

Once again, teams from coast to coast have decided to take on this year's CRC Robotics challenge:

2019 Team Number	School Name	Division	Rookie
1	Dawson College	2	
2	West Island College	2	
3	John Abbott College	1	
4	Centennial Regional High School	1	
5	Collège Sainte-Marcelline	1	
6	Collège André-Grasset	1	✓
7	Marianopolis College	1	
8	École secondaire Jules-Verne	2	
9	Collège de Bois-de-Boulogne, Team #1	1	
10	Collège de Bois-de-Boulogne, Team #2	1	
11	Bishop's College School	1	
12	Cégep du Vieux-Montréal	2	
13	Lower Canada College	2	✓
14	Royal West Academy	2	
15	Selwyn House School	2	✓
16	Lake of Two Mountains High School	1	
17	Macdonald High School	1	
18	St. George's School of Montreal	1	
19	École secondaire Curé-Antoine-Labelle	2	
20	Cégep Vanier College	1	
21	Collège Montmorency	2	
22	Collège Citoyen	1	
23	École secondaire Chomedey-de-Maisonnette	2	
24	Rosemount Technology Centre	2	
25	Saint-Lambert International High School	2	✓

## v. Our Partners

One of the most important aspects of the CRC Robotics Competition is that it keeps registration fees for schools at a bare minimum to ensure an easy and equal access for schools from all socio-economic situations. This would not be possible without the help of our generous sponsors that, year after year, help us prepare this wonderful event for the students.



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We are always seeking to establish new partnerships to achieve our goal of positively improving as many student lives as possible. If you or someone you know is willing to help us in any way, please contact Jeremy Webb at [jeremy.webb@sciencetech.ca](mailto:jeremy.webb@sciencetech.ca). On behalf of the students, a heartfelt thank-you!

## vi. Season Calendar

Item	Date & Location	Description
Information Sessions	Year-Round	The CRC Robotics Organizing Committee is always available to meet you and present a detailed explanation of what the Competition is all about and what it entails for students, teachers, and their school. Interested parties may contact us via <a href="mailto:info.crc@sciencetech.ca">info.crc@sciencetech.ca</a> .
Registration Period	August 1, 2018 to October 12, 2018	Registration is opened to all high schools, CEGEPs, and professional vocational centres in Canada. Late registrations may be possible. Please contact <a href="mailto:info.crc@sciencetech.ca">info.crc@sciencetech.ca</a> for more information.
	October 2018	<p>The Training Day is a hands-on tutorial and training day for teachers and mentors who wish to familiarize themselves with the technology involved in the CRC Robotics Competition as well as with the Competition structure and dynamics.</p> <p>The Training Day is organized according to the demand. Interested parties may contact us via <a href="mailto:info.crc@sciencetech.ca">info.crc@sciencetech.ca</a>.</p>
Preliminary Rulebook Release	October 29, 2018	A partial version of the rulebook is made available to participants on <a href="http://www.robo-crc.ca">www.robo-crc.ca</a> one week prior to Kickoff. This way, participants can familiarize themselves with this year's game and prepare questions to be asked at Kickoff.
Kickoff	November 5, 2018 at 7pm <i>Doors open at 6:30pm</i> Centennial Regional High School 880 Hudson St. Greenfield Park, QC J4V 1H1	<p>The kickoff officially marks the beginning of the season for the participants. The complete rulebook and the playing field are revealed and the participant kit (which includes the legal power motors and batteries) are distributed to the teams.</p> <p>For logistical reasons, a maximum of 10 individuals may attend.</p>

<p><b>CRC Workshops</b></p>	<p>November 2018 December 2018 January 2019</p>	<p>The CRC Workshops are events intended to provide specific training to participants in their field of interest. Multiple topics are covered simultaneously in multiple rooms on the same evening. All subjects covered, and details related to the workshop will be made available at <a href="http://www.robo-crc.ca/participant-portal">www.robo-crc.ca/participant-portal</a>.</p>
<p><b><i>Aim Together</i> Event</b></p>	<p>November 25, 2018  Concordia University 1515 Saint-Catherine St. W., EV2.260 Montreal, QC H3G 2W1</p>	<p>A free event where many successful women from diverse cultural backgrounds and different STEM fields are present to speak to the girls and young women about their unique career path. No need to be a participant in the CRC Robotics Competition to attend. Invite all your friends! Interested parties may obtain information and register on <a href="http://www.robo-crc.ca/aim-together">www.robo-crc.ca/aim-together</a>.</p>
<p><b>Website, Video, and Tutorial Submission, and Programming Component Opt-In Deadline</b></p>	<p>February 4, 2019 at 11:59:59pm  Using the Participant Portal: <a href="http://www.robo-crc.ca/participant-portal">www.robo-crc.ca/participant-portal</a></p>	<p>Having the website up and running and uploading the video to YouTube might take several hours. We therefore recommend you not to wait until the very last minute before starting the upload and going through the submission procedure. If you encounter any problems, send a detailed explanation to <a href="mailto:natasha.vitale@sciencetech.ca">natasha.vitale@sciencetech.ca</a> <b>before</b> the submission date and time.</p>
<p><b>Deadline to make Website, Video, and Tutorial Public</b></p>	<p>February 21, 2019 at 7:59:59am</p>	<p>Teams must make their website, video, and tutorial available to the general public and the other teams. For more information, refer to the specific sections outlining the details of these components.</p>
<p><b>18<sup>th</sup> Annual CRC Robotics Competition VERTIGOAL 2019</b></p>	<p>February 21 to 23, 2019  Centennial Regional High School 880 Hudson St. Greenfield Park, QC J4V 1H1</p>	<p>Join us in the pinnacle of the 2018-2019 CRC Robotics season. After over three months of hard work and countless hours of design and construction, close to 30 teams will show off what their robot can do. Also, the students will be showcasing their school and accomplishments in their kiosk, on their website, and in their video. An exciting, action-packed, 3-day event not to be missed!</p>