Online Mini-Tourneys

- Aim:
  - Fun for the teams
  - Not much extra work
  - Good tournament practice
  - See what other teams are doing
  - Any team can participate
  - No travelling needed
  - No extra team meeting needed
  - Events go on until May
- We are running a series of online mini-tournaments – short events with abbreviated judging and robot game – between November and May.
- These events won't lead to advancement to other tournaments.
- All teams are invited to participate.
- Each Mini-Tourney will have its own registration process, allowing teams to decide close to the Mini-Tourney date whether they want to participate in this one or not.
- After a team registers for a Mini-Tourney, they are asked to provide links to one video about their innovation project and at least one robot run a few days before the Mini-Tourney.
- Participating teams must also agree to have their videos included in an event-day online show which will later be posted on FIRST BC's YouTube channel. (If your team does not want to be seen on YouTube, you may have to be creative in the way you do your presentation!)
- In all videos, teams need to introduce themselves, either verbally or by displaying a sign showing the team number, the team name and the date when the video was taken. All videos need to be taken after the start of the registration period for the Mini-Tourney. I.e., you can't use the same video for several Mini-Tourneys.
- On the day of the Mini-Tourney we will run an online show, featuring the best 10 innovation presentations and robot runs. For the first few Mini-Tourneys at least, there will be no sessions where individual teams meet with the judges or the referees, but the teams will get some written feedback.
- The online show will be recorded and posted so that participants can watch at any time.
- Judges and referees will score the provided materials and award points to the best presentations and also to the best robot runs - 5 points to the best one, 4 points to the second best, etc.
- The points earned at any Mini-Tourney will be added up at the end to determine winners for the entire series. The more Mini-Tourneys you participate in, the more points you can earn.
- The show at the last Mini-Tourney will be longer since we'll award prizes for the overall winners.
- The Innovation Project presentation must not be longer than 1 (ONE) minute, and the judges will not use the regular rubrics but will look for and give 1 to 3 points for
  - Enthusiastic team?
  - Clearly defined problem?
  - Clear idea for solution?
  - Is this a new solution?
  - Quality of presentation?
- The robot runs also must stop after 1 (ONE) minute. For guidance about how to film the robot run, please check https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/fll/challenge/challenge-and-resources for:
  - PDF with instructions
  - YouTube video
- After the first few Mini-Tourneys, there may be some special rules for the robot runs (such as: "you must start in the right-hand launch area only"; or "mission xy will not score any points")
- Dates

Mini-Tourney	Registration	Deadline to provide Videos	Date of Show
#1	Oct 9 - 23	Oct 30	Nov 4 (Sat)
#2	Jan 1 - 15	Jan 22	Jan 28 (Sun)
#3	Jan 29 - Feb 12	Feb 22	Feb 25 (Sun)
#4	Mar 11 – Apr 1	Apr 8	Apr 13 (Sat)
#5	Apr 29 - May 13	May 20	May 25 (Sat)