

Online Mini-Tournaments

- Fun
 - Good event practice
 - Watch other teams
 - No travelling
 - No extra meetings
 - November - May
- Mini-tournaments are short online events with abbreviated judging and robot game, running from November to May.
 - These events won't lead to advancement to other tournaments.
 - All teams are invited to participate. No cost if you have registered and paid for a qualifying tournament; otherwise \$50 for one or all mini-tournaments.
 - Each Mini-Tournament will have its own registration process, allowing teams to decide close to the Mini-Tournament date whether they want to participate in this one or not.
 - When a team registers for a Mini-Tournament, they are asked to provide links to one video about their innovation project and at least one robot run.
 - 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. You can't use the same video for several Mini-Tournaments.
 - On the day of the Mini-Tournament we will run an online show, featuring the best 10 innovation presentations and robot runs. For the first few Mini-Tournaments 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-Tournament will be added up at the end to determine winners for the entire series. The more Mini-Tournaments you participate in, the more points you can earn.
 - The show at the last Mini-Tournament 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
 - Is the team looking at a clearly defined problem?
 - Are all team members working together?
 - Does the team have a clear idea for a solution?
 - Do they know what would be new about their solution?
 - How is the quality of their presentation?
 - The robot runs also must stop after 1 (ONE) minute.
 - After the first few Mini-Tournaments, there may be some special rules for the project presentation (e.g., "stress the impact on others") and 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-Tournament	Deadline to register and provide Videos	Date of Show (Saturdays)
#1	Nov 9	Nov 16
#2	Jan 11	Jan 18
#3	Feb 8	Feb 15
#4	Apr 12	Apr 19
#5	May 10	May 17