

Practical information Benelux Championship 2023

Event type

Important notification: all the scores and ranking points from the league meets will NOT be used for the Benelux Championship.

This might be different than some teams currently think and are planning on. Please read this message carefully.

The event you'll be participating in is a Championship and not a League Tournament. Based on the official *FIRST* rules it's not possible for a team to qualify for the World Championship in Houston based on a League Tournament. It's only possible to qualify through a Championship event. This means our Benelux event is categorized as a Championship event.

The difference between a Championship and a League Tournament is that with a Championship all previous scores from League Meets will be set to 0 per the official game manual. This is the reasoning behind the fact that for the 2023 Benelux Championship all teams will start on an equal ground of "0". This means that every team has equal chances to perform the best they can in order to qualify themselves for the eliminations and maybe even a shot at a qualification for the World Championship in Houston.

General program

08.30 - 09.00	Team registration - Pits open
09.00 - 09.15	Drivers Meeting
09.00 - 09.15	Coach Meeting
09.00-10.00	Master Class round 1
11.00-12.00	Master Class round 2
9.20 - 12.00	Judge interviews
9.20 - 12.30	Robot&Fields Inspections
12.30 - 13.15	Lunch Break
13.15 - 13.30	Opening ceremony
13.30 -17.00	Qualification matches
13.30 - 20.00	Side program non-qualified teams
13.30 - 15.00	Judge Pit Visits
14.00 - 16.00	Wismon (VMBO teachers) presentation
17.00 -17.15	Alliance selection
17.30 - 18.30	Dinner Break
18.30 - 19.30	Elimination & final rounds
19.30 -20.00	Award ceremony
20.00 - 20.30	Pits closed

Team registration

Make sure to be on time at 8.30 hours for registration. After registration you can set up your pit and proceed to the Inspections.

There is no point in coming earlier because it is not possible to register your team before 08.30 .

To prepare for the inspections, you can view the inspection forms in advance.

[Robot inspection checklist](#) – [Field inspection checklist](#)

Pit Area

The Pit Area is located on the second floor (1e verdieping). Each team has a table and some chairs.

There is room to put up banners, etc. It is not allowed to drill, saw, etc. on the tables in the pit area

There is a separate room for this on the first floor (begane grond).

A practice field is available during the day in the Pit Area.

Quiet room

The Championship is a hectic, exciting day with lots of stimuli.

There is a quiet room on the second floor for participants who need a moment to retreat from all the noise. You can ask the Pit Area Manager.

Judging

Judging is an important part of the Championship.

In the morning every team will have a judges interview and during the afternoon a Pit Visit.

You can read all about the judging in Game Manual 1, Chapter 9 (page 46-57). Please read this chapter carefully so that there will be no surprises during the Championship.

Judge interviews will start at 09.20 after the driver and coach meeting. You will receive the judge schedule at team registration. It will be in the team envelope. Don't forget to look at the schedule after team registration so you know what time your judging will take place.

The judging rooms are located near the pit area on the second floor.

The following 8 Judge Awards will be presented during the Championship:

Inspire Award, Think Award, Control Award, Design Award, Innovate Award, Motivate Award, Connect Award, Judges Choice Award

To be considered for one of these Awards, you must submit an **engineering portfolio**.

In order to be eligible for the Control Award, it is necessary to submit the [control award form](#).

Please turn in this sheet during your judge interview along with your Engineering Portfolio.

If you would like to have feedback from the judges please handover a [feedback form](#) at the beginning of the judge interview.

Advancement to World Championship

We have 2 spots for the World Championship.

These spots will be awarded to the Inspire Award winner and the Winning Alliance Captain.

If these Awards are won by the same team then one of the spots goes to the Inspire Award runner up. This is the team ranked 2nd place by the judges for the Inspire Award.

Master classes

During the morning, several team members from each team (or the entire team) can participate in the Master Class "Team Management". Learn more about time management & structure during the season and off season. It is an interactive master class where you will get practical tools and tips and then get to work on an issue.

Recommended for all coaches and mentors, but definitely fun for team members as well.

The Master Class will be held twice. You can join in the round that is most convenient for your team. Please note there is limited space, so don't wait until the 2nd round if you don't have your judges interview during the 1st round.

Parking

If you come by car, you can of course load and unload in front of SintLucas, but the car must then be parked elsewhere. SintLucas does not have its own parking lot.

Several parking options are available around the venue. Check the following website for options and rates.

<https://www.prettigparkeren.nl/kaart/#!Eindhoven/Torenallee/Zaterdag/8:00///>

We recommend parking lot Strijp-S Bultje

<https://www.parkme.com/nl/lot/337223/strijp-s-bultje-p3-eindhoven-netherlands>

The location is also easy to reach by public transport.

From Eindhoven STRIJP-S train station you can walk to SintLucas in just a few minutes. From Eindhoven Central Station buses or trains run to STRIJP-S every 15 minutes.

Program booklet

Please forward this to all team members and family, friends or other interested parties who would like to visit the Championship. We have some printed copies at the information desk, but would like to save the environment by using as little paper as possible.

Photo/video

During the championship photos and videos will be made by students of the SintLucas. Team members who are not allowed to be photographed can pick up a badge at the team registration.

We will not publish pictures or video's of team members with badges.

Please be aware that we will also broadcast a live stream. It is not possible to keep team members with badges out of the live stream. They will have to take this into account themselves.

Safety

We will pay attention to safety of course. So don't forget to bring your safety glasses and wear them at the indicated places. In addition, closed shoes are mandatory and long hair must be put in a ponytail or bun.

We hope we won't need the orange blanket 😊

If you have any questions, please let us know.

See you Saturday, February 11 at SintLucas in Eindhoven.

Team FTC Benelux & SintLucas