

Should the videos be uncut and unedited or can we combine many takes into one submission?

- For preparing your videos, be sure to follow the guidance in the second and third documents at the top of <https://socalfil.org/faq/> . The Robot Design and Innovation Project videos may be edited yes, but the Robot Game video definitely may *not* be edited.

Are these new consent and release forms or the ones from the First site?

- There are no new consent and release forms, please have your team complete all of their consent and release forms on <https://www.firstinspires.org/>

When should we submit all the videos?

- By February 26th (a week from tomorrow) at 9pm PST (slides 8 and 9)

do they show their programming during robot design video, or just the robot

- You can show your programming during the robot design video, but we also require uploading a PDF of your code. You can take a couple of screenshots and put them into a PDF. See the flltournament.com guidance doc at the top of <https://socalfil.org/faq/> . Coaches will get the link for the page where they can upload the team's links. Provide screenshots of code that you would like to showcase. It can be a screenshot of EV3 blocks, scratch, etc. You don't need to upload more than 3 different programs as the judges can get a sense of what the code is like.

Will judges look at robot game video as part of judging the robot rubrics or do we need to show sufficient pictures of the robot in the separate robot engineering video?

- We do not anticipate that the robot design judges will look at the robot game video. You may show the robot during Q&A.

Does it matter who uploads the videos?

- No it does not matter. See the flltournament.com guidance doc at the top of <https://socalfil.org/faq/> . Coaches will get the link for the page where they can upload the team's links. The files themselves can be uploaded to YouTube, Google Drive, etc per the guidance (in order to generate those links) by anyone.

On the day of the QT- do we still need at least one team member and coach present or can everyone join remotely from their homes since there will no longer be a live robot game?

- Everyone can join remotely from their homes or you can be in the same room together. If you plan on having the whole team together. You can login on multiple devices if the whole team does not fit into frame.

How do we register for fltournament?

- You should receive a registration email from either Sarah directly or your QT director, though its "From" address will say Web Mail. This is explained on page 1 of the fltournament.com guidance document, linked at the top of <https://socalfll.org/faq/>

What is the maximum time for the Robot Game video? One source says 5 minutes and another says 9.

- There should be nowhere anymore that says 5 minutes for the Robot Game video, please let us know if so, everywhere should say 3-9 minutes. Judging videos are max 5 minutes, robot game video is max 9 minutes.

Does the team score their own game and upload a scoresheet?

- Teams will upload their own scoresheet with their robot game video, as explained in the fltournament.com guidance document, linked at the top of <https://socalfll.org/faq/>. Referees will compare their scoring to the team's scoresheet.

If we have a google slide presentation that the team is speaking to, should we record them with it at the same time or submit the presentation and just have a video of the team talking about the slides?

- You can go either way, do include the slides in your supporting documentation. The team should not just read their slides, of course.

Do we fill out the scoresheet?

- The team will fill out their own scoresheet. The students can fill out a handwritten scoresheet and then their coach can enter it into fltournament.com. Teams do not need to show the scoresheet directly in the video itself, since we have access to the scoresheet separately.

Is the team introduction video a youtube link as well?

- No it is not, we know it's confusing, we can't change the team introduction video label. Please only include a picture or screenshot of your team poster. The second field is where you put the roster. See the fltournament.com guidance doc at the top of <https://socalfll.org/faq/>.

I only saw a place for one table run. Are there 2

- Take a look at the fourth document linked at the top of <https://socalfll.org/faq/>, you should see a Round 1 section and a Round 2 section, allowing you to upload two Robot Game videos.

Just to confirm - there is no longer a live robot game, is that correct?

- Correct, at the qualifying tournaments. We still hope to do a live-over-videoconferencing Robot Game at the Championship tournament.

Is the team switching rooms to the judge or are the judges switching into the room?

- all judging will be in one (virtual) room. The short discussion with a referee will be in a separate room.

Should we be creating our own YouTube account and uploading our videos there? We're not uploading to a FIRST site?

- Correct, coaches will enter links to unlisted YouTube videos into fltournament.com , not videos or other documents themselves.

For the Project, and for a digital poster that we want to submit with the video presentation, can we submit it in Google slides, or do we need to convert the slides into PDFs?

- Either is fine. Do not submit in other formats, such as PowerPoint.

It says don't post pictures of team. I thought we already signed release form. Why don't you allow team photo on poster?

- Consent forms is for FIRST HQ, our region is a separate entity and so we want to limit PII on any documents.

Videos are due on the 26th, but as for the date that we are signed up for (for example, we got pushed back to March 13th), are we tuning in somewhere to see our results and other aspects of the competition?

- Your qualifying tournament date is when your team will meet with judges for live Q&A. Results will be emailed out and each QT will have their own form of award ceremonies.

Will Robot Game Scores be public? If so, Team and/or Ref Scores?

- The highest Ref score for each team will be made public. The team-submitted scores will not, as they will be used only referees, including on the day of the QT for the short referee discussion with each team.

Will it be ok for kids faces to be visible in project video presentations

- If you've already recorded your video, you're fine and do not need to re-record it. But if you have not yet recorded it, please do not have the kids' faces visible.

I read in one of the updated documents that there is now a 10 minute meeting with Referee's to discuss the robot game now? I'm assuming this is in addition to the 20 mins Q & A?

- Correct. This time with a referee is in addition to the 20 minutes of Q&A with judges.

Is there no longer a preference for the robot game to be filmed with two cameras at the same time?

- correct, all videos must now be single-camera. However, if you've already shot a Robot Game video with two cameras under the previous guidance, you're fine and do not need to re-record it, just let your tournament director know.

What will closing ceremonies generally look like?

- It will depend on the QT, it may be a PowerPoint, prerecorded video, or a live broadcast. QT directors will send out this information.

Does the whole table need to be recorded at all times? Or can we zoom in on specific missions?

- Great question, see the third document linked at the top of <https://socalfll.org/faq/> . The Robot Game videos must have all four phases, and the third phase (the Robot Game 2.5 minutes) must record the entire table and not move. Zooming in on specific missions happens during the fourth phase (Scoring).

Will the link to FLL tournament be able to be used multiple times or do we only get one log in session?

- The upload link is for the coach only, who can log in at any time(s) prior to the deadline to review and revised their links and scoresheet

When the coach provides the link, can we get feedback from FLL in case the videos do not meet requirements.

- We are asking videos to be uploaded early so we can go back and give feedback on videos that do not meet requirements. If coaches have a specific concern, they (not kids) can ask the regional Referee Advisor during online office hours, Wed Feb 24 from 7-8pm (see email from Sarah).

Under team introduction 2 it asks for the team roster from FIRST; however this roster includes pii such as name email address and phone number so is this secure?

- Please redact any PII from the document. We only need to know the first names of the students and coaches, and the checkmarks for if they completed the consent and release form.

The deadline to submit robot game and innovation project is 2/26, correct? No second deadline for innovation project?

- correct, everything's due next Friday 2/26

Can Point Power Slides be submitted in the supporting documentation?

- No, PowerPoint slides may not be uploaded. See the third document linked at the top of <https://socalfill.org/faq/> . Save/export/print from PowerPoint to PDF and then upload a link to the PDF, as described in that guidance.

What is the team roster.

- List of team members on the team. Printable from FIRST inspires.

Will the Championship have live robot games (e.g. on Zoom); or will the robot game videos be pre-recorded like the QTs?

- We hope to offer one live-over-videoconferencing Robot Game round at the Championship tournament, but this is not yet definite. We'll see.

If the students are using slides, is it acceptable for them to show the slides full screen for short periods of time during the presentation, with voice overs?

- Yes

Will the review of the runs be during the same time as the presentations or at another meeting time?

- the robot game runs will be reviewed and scored prior to your QT date. If you mean the short discussion between a referee and the team, yes that will be a separate virtual room from the judging room, at a separate time.

Should team members plan to introduce themselves during the 5 minute buffer period or wait to be instructed when to start?

- We have something planned for the 5 minute buffer, it will be released next week.

During judging, the judges will have already watched the teams' videos, and will spend all 20 min. with Q&A, correct? Meaning, the kids won't be doing "live" presentations?

- Correct, there will be no live presentations, and judges will have watched their respective video from each team in advance.

Will we have to upload links, etc all at once, or will we be able to upload some on one day, then the rest on another day?

- coaches can access the upload page (where all the links and the two scoresheets are entered) at any time(s) prior to the upload deadline.

if we have students with special needs and they are not able to answer questions are we going to be marked down?

- Never will your team be marked down. If you have a student with special needs, please let the QT director know so they can let the judges know.

That referee discussion is with a driver (student) not coach, correct?

- absolutely, and the discussion is only with the kids (not the coach).

Is the referee meeting scheduled or requested meeting

- Scheduled meeting

For recording robot game, do we zoom in on each mission before and after the robot game or keep it in one area recording the whole table.

- see the third document linked at the top of <https://socalfll.org/faq/> . Yes there is zooming in before and after the 2.5min Robot Game phase, during phases 1, 2, and 4. During the 2.5min phase 3, the camera must pull back and stay still, viewing the whole field. All described in the guidance doc.

We are trying to maintain social distancing. This question is genuine - how do you suggest that I ask the team to re-record their presentations so that you can see ho they interact together?

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- what we're saying is that if you already recorded any video under the previous guidance, you may go ahead and submit that. No need to re-record. This applies to mask-wearing, 2-camera Robot Game videos, etc.

Do kids need to be masked during the live judging session?

- No

Will all of the students receive a medal for participating?

- Yes, all students will receive a medal. We will send it out to one location per team.

Can we have the whole team on our school site during the QT on one zoom video to make sure we don't have any issues with our kids computers or internets.

- Yes

We received our fltournament link from our QT director. But it notes that we need to upload a 3-minute robot game video. Just to confirm - it can be longer than 3 minutes (to show all 4 phases), correct?

- Yes, the robot game video must be 3-9 minutes long. Please be sure to follow all guidance in the second and third guidance docs linked at the top of <https://socalfll.org/faq/>, particularly regarding the four phases.