

CONSENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

Participant Name: _____

If Participant is under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Participant Date of Birth if under 18 years of age [MM/DD/YYYY]: _____

Participant Address: _____

Participant Email (If Participant is under 18 years of age, Parent/Guardian Email): _____

Participant Team Number: _____

The Participant identified above ("Participant") desires to participate (as a team member, coach, mentor, judge, or in some other manner) in the *FIRST*® Robotics Competition (the "Program"). As a condition of allowing Participant to participate in a Program, ingenuityNE™ the operational partner for the Program in the six New England States, requires that the Participant (by his or her Parent/Guardian if under 18 years of age) agree to the terms of this Consent and Release Agreement.

1. Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) understands that participation in the Program will expose Participant to risks of injury including, without limitation, injury from: building, lifting, and using electrical/mechanical robots and robot components; using tools; other participants; dancing and other associated activities. Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) understands that *ingenuityNE* does not select, employ, supervise or otherwise exercise authority or control over the coaches, mentors, and other participants in the Program. Participant, if 18 years of age or older, acknowledges and agrees that he/she is primarily responsible for his/her safety. The Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age acknowledges and agrees that the Parent/Guardian is primarily responsible for the Participant's safety and that the Parent/Guardian will monitor, as appropriate considering the age of the Participant and other factors, the Participant's participation in the Program.
2. **In consideration for *ingenuityNE* allowing the Participant to participate in the Program, Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age for and on behalf of the Participant and the Parent/Guardian) assumes all risk of such participation and hereby releases *ingenuityNE* and (except as expressly provided below) all of *ingenuityNE*'s directors, officers, employees, volunteers, and agents from any and all claims for any injury of any kind to the Participant (and the Parent/Guardian) or other damages that may occur as a result of the Participant's participation in the Program, including without limitation any injuries or other damages that may be caused by the negligence of *ingenuityNE* or negligence of any of *ingenuityNE*'s directors, officers, employees, volunteers, or agents (including without limitation negligently failing to adequately investigate or screen coaches, mentors, volunteers, etc.), and agrees not to file any lawsuit or otherwise make any claim against *ingenuityNE* or any of *ingenuityNE*'s directors, officers, employees, volunteers, or agents for any such injury or other damages. The Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) does not hereby release any claims against any individual person who intentionally causes injury to the Participant.**
3. Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) understands that photographs, videotapes, and other recordings will be made of participants in the Programs, including the Participant. Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) consents to those photographs, videotapes, and other recordings and the use thereof (i) as part of a record of the Program and (ii) to promote *FIRST*, *NE FIRST* and the Programs.

Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) has read this document and understands that this Consent and Release Agreement includes a waiver of the right to make injury claims that is intended to be legally binding. By signing below, Participant (and the Parent/Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age) agrees to this Consent and Release Agreement.

Signature (of Participant if 18 years of age or older or Parent/Guardian if Participant under 18)

Printed name of person signing

Date



LigerBots Media, Photograph, and Video release:

Student name _____

The LigerBots may record video or still photographs, publish summaries of team activities, or grant interviews during activities including team meetings, team social events, outreach events, robotics competitions, and similar activities. Please fill out this form to provide permission for your child's image and/or name to be published, in the context of LigerBots activities. (Note that FIRST competitions are public events and may be covered by the media.)

C. Media and Publishing Release

Please put a check mark in each box to indicate approve for each category. A blank box will indicate that you **DO NOT GIVE PERMISSION** for that section.

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Permission for Publishing/Media/Interview/Recognition

I authorize Newton Public Schools to allow my child to be interviewed and/or photographed during the course of the year or have his/her name appear in media publication of the Newton Public Schools/School/Class/Activity website or media page (such as Facebook or Twitter) and/or have his/her name appear in a media publication, such as the Newton Tab, Boston Globe, NewTv, when this media visit has been authorized by NPS and/or its designees because of a student accomplishment.

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Permission to Use Student Picture

I authorize Newton Public Schools for my child's picture to be published on Newton Public Schools/School/Class/Activity website or media page (such as Facebook or Twitter). A picture could take the form of a photograph, video or multimedia project. No last name, home address, or telephone number will appear on such picture.

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Publishing of Student Work on NPS website or media pages

I authorize NPS to publish my child's work on Newton Public Schools/School/Class/Activity website or media page (such as Facebook or Twitter). I understand that copyright and ownership of the work or writing remain my child's property. No last name, home address, or telephone number will appear in the work.

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Student Teacher Permissions

I authorize a student teacher to use a photograph, video or other media production, containing an image of my child or my child's classwork for internal college/university use for student teacher evaluation purposes.

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I **DO NOT** give authorization for any of the above

Signature _____
Parent or Student (age 18 or older)

Date _____



LigerBot Standards of Behavior

- Newton Schools policies on illegal substances apply to all team activities.
- The LigerBots adhere to the Massachusetts anti-hazing and anti-bullying laws and to NPS policies on hazing and bullying. NPS policies can be found on the NPS web page.
- Both students and parents must register on the team website and STIMS.
- Students must have permission slips on file to participate in carpools and events. Events during school hours may require additional teacher signatures.
- Parents should be aware that students on the team will be using power tools, wiring electrical components, and accessing the internet, and sometimes communicating with adults outside the Newton school community.
- Students may communicate with the team through a variety of means including email and an instant messaging service called Slack. Parents should know that the LigerBots use real names and email addresses in Slack. Information on Slack is not communicated outside the team. The privacy policy for Slack is located at the following URL: <https://slack.com/privacy-policy>. All team rules apply to Slack.

Standards for students at team meetings and events

- If for any reason you have conflict with another student, mentor, or coach, go to a coach to help you resolve that issue.
- If you are causing a disruption or distraction in a meeting, you will be directed to a job. If you continue to disrupt/distract others in the same meeting, your hours will not count. The same policy applies to training sessions.
- If you need to leave a meeting before your assigned job is done, you must tell the person who assigned you that job and the adult assisting you before you can leave. You must leave with a parent or adult unless otherwise agreed upon.
- Communication is very important... that's what allows the team to run. everyone is expected to keep up with Slack messaging and email and to respond in a timely manner.
- When you are asked to do something which you don't think is the best course of action, or disagree with for any reason, you must offer a reasonable argument or reasoning behind why you do not think it should be done. Always be respectful.
- When going to a team event, you should be presentable and have good hygiene.
- Be respectful of people and property, both within and outside the team. This is especially important when wearing your LigerBots shirt as your behavior reflects on the whole team. Do not install software on school or team machines without coach approval.
- Be respectful of sponsors at all times.
- Use common sense around tools, robots, electricity, and moving vehicles. Always wear safety glasses and tie back long hair when around machine/power tools. Obey the directions of coaches/mentors/other adults. Wear seatbelts in cars.

If a student egregiously and/or repeatedly violates these standards, a coach will contact their parent to discuss the issues and continued involvement with the team.

Parent emergency phone (reachable during meetings/events) _____

Parent non-emergency contact(cell/landline/email): _____

☐ Please check here if the parent does not wish to be included in team email lists. This means that you will not receive routine team information. We will still contact you in exceptional circumstances.

Parent Name _____ Signature _____

Student Name _____ Signature _____