

*NorthShoreRobotics*

Gearing Kids Up For Success



# PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

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# Welcome to NorthShore Robotics!

In this handbook, you will find key policies, goals, and expectations for your participation in our program.

The existence and success of this group is due to the dedication and support of our members and participation is essential to accomplishing our mission.

With all of our members' participation and commitment, we are resolved to accomplish great things together in our pursuit of excellence.



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\*All signatures and acknowledgements are required to participate.

# About Us

## Our Mission

To encourage and foster a passion for STEAM education in our students and community. We enable our students through exploration of STEAM subjects in the world around us and through lessons in programming, designing, building and application of the engineering process. We encourage a culture of camaraderie, determination, positivity, respect, and the pursuit of personal and team excellence. Ultimately, our students participate in robotics competitions to apply and demonstrate their skills, to lead by example, encouraging the involvement of their peers and furthering the mission of the organization.

## Our Commitment

To make quality STEAM education activities easily available to our diverse community in creative and engaging ways that foster skills our participants can use in future careers.





# Obligations to participate

To maintain membership in good standing with Northshore Robotics, each student/family member must follow the obligations and expectations as outlined below. Failure to do so may result in consequences up to dismissal from the program.

## **Suggested Dues**

- \$50 Monthly donation per child.
- Dues are optional for sponsored teams.

## **Attendance and Participation**

- Follow Student and Parent Expectations.
- Have no more than 3 unexcused absences per quarter.
- Always act in a safe manner.
- Comply with all aspects of this Handbook and related articles.

## **Code Of Conduct**

- Be on time and active in activities.
- Respect class time and have urgency in the tasks assigned.
- Share ideas and insights about tasks assigned.
- Listen without interrupting when others are speaking.
- Value and show respect to others' diversity, creativity, and ideas.
- Praise, encourage and acknowledge others.
- Respect others' space and acknowledge someone's approval before touching.
- Do not use profanity or make jokes that demean others.
- Take the initiative to find what needs to be done and the guidance to excel.
- Challenge skills and learn the limits; there is no failure- adapt and try again.
- Participate in clean-up at every meeting.

## **Parent/Guardian Participation**

- Remain for the duration of the student's attendance.
- Engage with the student to guide them as they practice new skills.
- Ensure students are actively participating and behavior is not disruptive.
- Volunteering outside of class is strongly encouraged.



# Participant Contract

By signing below, I acknowledge and understand all points listed below:

- I/We have read the handbook describing Northshore Robotics and its team(s) and agree to comply with all policies and rules outlined within.
- I/We understand the attendance and participation expectations of both the student and parent/guardian.
- I/We understand that equipment used in the program can cause harm and injury if not used correctly and that members are not permitted to use any piece of equipment until they have been instructed on its safe use.
- I/We will only use power equipment or parts for their intended use (and with adult supervision if under 18).
- I/We understand the property of Northshore Robotics is for the benefit of all its students and will be treated with respect and care while I am using it.
- I/We understand that violation of any of the policies above is punishable up to and including dismissal from NorthShore Robotics and/or its teams.

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Student/Participant Name Printed

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Student/Participant Signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian Name Printed

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



# Photo Release Form

- I/We, the undersigned, individually and on behalf of myself and/or my child hereby give permission to NorthShore Robotics and its successors to capture my/our image, likeness and sounds in photographs, videotapes, recordings or other forms of media ("Images"). I/We acknowledge that Northshore Robotics will own such images.
- I/we grant permission, without compensation, for Northshore Robotics, or any affiliated party of the NorthShore Robotics, to copyright, display, publish, distribute, use, modify and print such images in any lawful manner, including without limitation, in publications, advertisements, brochures, web sites, social media and other electronic displays and transmissions thereof. The foregoing authorization shall not include using my name with any image unless I agree otherwise in writing.
- I/We do not give permission for my/our image to be used for the media.

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Student/Participant Name Printed

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Student/Participant Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Name Printed

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date





# Consent Release Form (3 Pages)

## **NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS CONSENT, RELEASE, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZATION TO CAPTURE PHYSICAL LIKENESS**

Section 1: This is a Consent, Release of Rights, Hold Harmless and Authorization Agreement ("Agreement") between Northshore Robotics, and officers, directors, employees and designees of Northshore Robotics, and Participant (collectively referred to herein as "I", "me", "my" and "Participant"). "Designees" includes those persons or entities (including third parties not affiliated with NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS) managing, contracting, sponsoring, hosting, conducting, evaluating, or publicizing (including individuals and third- party entities working with NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS in print, publication, television, broadcast or video media) the NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS. As used in this Agreement, Participant shall mean any individual, Parent or Guardian of a Participant under 18 years of age, student, mentor, teacher, volunteer, or other person or entity involved in a NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS event, including, without limitation, class, practice, fundraising events, public demonstrations, competition events.

In consideration of my participation in one or more Events, I agree to the following:

I recognize that there may be risks associated with attending and/or participating in an Event, including, without limitation, risks inherent in the construction and/or operation of robots, working with electrical connections, operating or handling tools or sharp objects, traveling to and from events, and participating in public competitions or events. These risks include the risk of injury (including without limitation, serious bodily harm and even death) and property damage. Being fully cognizant of the risks in participating in any such Event, I hereby fully and willingly assume those risks. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, I HEREBY WAIVE ANY CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION which I may now have or hereafter arises against NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS relating to or connected to my participation in any Event (including, without limitation, class, practice, fundraising events, public demonstrations, competition events), and I will indemnify and hold harmless NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS against any and all claims against any such entity or person resulting from same.

I HEREBY RELEASE NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS and each of its respective employees, officers, directors, successors, assigns, affiliates, parent companies, licensees and agents from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses, attorneys' fees, other professional fees and expenses, including, without limitation, negligently failing to adequately investigate or screen coaches, mentors, volunteers, etc., any claims for compensation, defamation, or invasion of privacy, or other infringements or violations of personal or property rights of any sort whatsoever that I may now have or hereafter may arise against NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS in connection with my participation in any Event.

I am aware of the guidelines recommended by the CDC and health authorities in my jurisdiction regarding social distancing and the importance of hygiene due to the spread of COVID-19.

I am physically able to engage in Events while following all rules set forth by NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS, or other event organizers as applicable.

I will not attend if for any reason I am not physically able to engage in Events while following all rules set forth by NORTHSHORE ROBOTICS, or other event organizers as applicable.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial Here confirming agreement to all items in consent release section 1 of 3)

Section 2: In consideration for my participation in an Event, I agree as follows:

1.       Assumption of Risk. I fully understand that there are dangers, inherent and otherwise, in an Event and in engaging in an Event during the COVID-19 pandemic. I further understand that my participation in the Event may expose me to the risk of personal injury or death and/or causing me to acquire COVID-19 and transmit it to others. I hereby acknowledge that I am participating of my own free will in an Event and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries and/or damages and/or losses of any kind, regardless of severity and including death, that may occur in connection with my participation in an Event.
2.       Medical Release. In the event the participant should sustain any injuries or illness while attending and/or participating in an Event and the parent/guardian/emergency contact cannot be contacted in an emergency, I hereby authorize NORTSHORE ROBOTICS to administer, or cause to be administered, such first aid or other treatment and such medications as I may possess, as reasonably necessary under the circumstances, including without limitation, treatment by a physical therapist or hospital of NORTSHORE ROBOTICS's choice.
3.       Waiver and Release of Liability. I, intending to be legally bound for myself and my heirs, personal representatives, next of kin, and anyone who might make a claim on my behalf, hereby waive, release, and discharge NORTSHORE ROBOTICS, its Board members and their families, respective agents, employees, and volunteers from any and all claims for damages and/or liability, whether caused by any active or passive negligent act or omission of NORTSHORE ROBOTICS or their respective agents, employees, and/or volunteers, or otherwise related to my participation and promise not to sue NORTSHORE ROBOTICS, the NORTSHORE ROBOTICS Board or their respective agents, employees, and/or volunteers for any damages the Participant incurs in connection with an Event. This release and waiver extends to all claims of every kind or nature whatsoever, foreseen, or unforeseen, known, or unknown.
4.       Compliance with All Rules. I/The Participant agree(s) to obey all rules and regulations applicable to an Event and instructions provided by NORTSHORE ROBOTICS and their staff and volunteers during participation in an Event.
5.       Miscellaneous. I acknowledge and agree that this Agreement is binding upon my heirs, assigns and legal representatives. I agree that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by law. I further agree that this Agreement is severable and that if any clause is found invalid, the balance of the Agreement will remain in effect, valid, and enforceable.
6.       Participant understands that photographs, videotapes, and other recordings may be made of participants at such Events, including the Participant. Participant consents to those photographs, videotapes, and other recordings as part of a record of the Event without any further consideration due to me or any limitation whatsoever.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial Here confirming agreement to all items in consent release section 2 of 3)



Section 3: THIS RELEASE SHALL BE BINDING UPON MY HEIRS, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, AND ME. FOR ANY DISPUTE OR CAUSE OF ACTION ARISING WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THIS RELEASE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION UNDER THE RULES OF THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION. ANY DISPUTE OR CAUSE OF ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH AN EVENT ARISING OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SHALL BE FINALLY SETTLED UNDER THE RULES OF ARBITRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BY ONE OR MORE ARBITRATORS APPOINTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID RULES, WITH THE APPLICABLE LAW BEING THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE EVENT OCCURRED.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any and all previous agreements among the parties, whether written or oral, with respect to such subject matter.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Initial Here confirming agreement to all items in consent release section 3 of 3)

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, KNOW, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS CONTENTS, AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

Student/Participant Name (full legal name):

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

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Student/Participant Address:

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Signature of Participant under indicates agreement to all pages in the handbook.

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Student/Participant (full legal name)\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian for Student/Participant under 18 years indicates agreement to all pages in the handbook.

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Parent/Guardian (full legal name)\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_