I-League Coaches Packet

FIRST® Tech Challenge · 2026–2027 BIOBUZZ™ Season, presented by RTX

Online at itkan.one/i-league/coaches-packet

CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	EVENT CODE
I-League Meet 1	Saturday 31 October 2026	USTXNONIM1
I-League Meet 2	Saturday 5 December 2026	USTXNONIM3
I-League Meet 3	Saturday 16 January 2027	USTXNONIM5
I-League Tournament	Saturday 23 January 2027	USTXNONILT

Meet 1: Brighter Horizons Academy (BHA), 3145 Medical Plaza Dr, Garland, TX 75044.
Meet 2, Meet 3 and the Tournament: ITKAN Innovation Hub, 1701 10th St Ste 100, Plano, TX 75074.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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LEAGUE MEET SCHEDULE

7:30 AM	ITKAN staff and key volunteers arrive
8:00 AM	Doors open for teams
8:30 AM	Inspection commences
10:00 AM	Team check-in deadline
10:15 AM	Match schedule printed and distributed
10:30 AM	Drivers' meeting with the head referee
10:45 AM	Qualification matches begin
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:40 PM	Matches resume

1:30 PM	Short break for Dhuhr
2:00 PM	Matches resume
4:00 PM	Estimated end

SITE, FLOOR PLAN AND PIT MAPS

The site and parking map and the arena floor plan are on the last two pages. Each meet's pit map is on FTC Events:

I-League Meet 1	ftc-events.firstinspires.org/2026/USTXNONIM1/pitMap
I-League Meet 2	ftc-events.firstinspires.org/2026/USTXNONIM3/pitMap
I-League Meet 3	ftc-events.firstinspires.org/2026/USTXNONIM5/pitMap
I-League Tournament	ftc-events.firstinspires.org/2026/USTXNONILT/pitMap

FOOD & CONCESSION STAND

Snacks and drinks are available at the concession stand, with halal and vegetarian options. We take cash, Zelle or credit.

Before a meet, while pre-orders are open, teams can order pizza ahead and pick it up at the concession stand: itkan.one/i-league/lunch.

If you order food from off-site, please do not bring any pork products (pepperoni, ham, bacon and so on) onto the premises, out of respect for the religious sensitivities of our gracious hosts.

CLOTHING

Please remind your students to wear attire appropriate for a robotics competition <E101 section d>. Clothing usually considered appropriate for a typical school or church setting suffices. Closed-toe shoes are important for foot safety.

BIOBUZZ: EVENT READINESS CHECKLIST

☐ **Has your team paid its fees and completed youth rosters?**

- Is your team roster complete with FIRST?
- Have you paid the $350 FIRST team registration in the FIRST Dashboard?
- Have you paid the $325 *FIRST* Texas event fee in the FIRST Dashboard?

☐ **Will your robot pass inspection? <Section 3>**

- Note: the match schedule will be printed based on the teams that check in. <I102>
- There is only one inspection this year: check this inspection checklist to see if your team will pass.

- Accessible power switch <R603>. Legal power switches: REV-31-1387, am-4969, Studica 70182, Tetrix W39129, goBILDA Floodgate.
- Does your robot meet the new 18” × 24” maximum horizontal expansion limit? <R105>

☐ **Is your robot updated? (Not required, but recommended)**

- Version 12.0.0 or later on the Robot Controller (use the REV Hardware Client)
- Version 12.0.0 or later on the Driver Stations

☐ **Robot identification requirements <Section 12.4 ROBOT SIGN Rules>**

- Two 6.5” × 2.5” red ROBOT SIGNS, 2” minimum white numbers, at least 90° apart on the ROBOT.
- Two 6.5” × 2.5” blue ROBOT SIGNS, 2” minimum white numbers, at least 90° apart on the ROBOT.
- The opposite color is not visible to field staff: blue, for example, is not visible when the robot is on the red alliance.
- Free ROBOT SIGNS are available at swyftrobotics.com/products/swyft-ftc-robot-sign-free, or you can color print your own at ftc-resources.firstinspires.org/ftc/archive/2026/team/robotsign-us.

☐ **Safety and legality <E101>, for everyone in the pits or arena, or near a robot**

- ANSI-approved, UL Listed, CE EN166 rated, AS/NZS certified, or CSA rated eye protection.
- Closed-toe shoes.
- No Crocs.
- Monitoring and controlling entanglement risks is strongly encouraged: bring hair ties, avoid hoodie strings and the like.

☐ **Read the resources and game rules**

- Visit ftc.game, a one-stop page of useful BIOBUZZ resources.
- A printout of the latest Competition Manual for BIOBUZZ (optional).
- A printout of the latest Team Updates (optional).

☐ **Upload a team avatar (optional, and it must be done at least three days in advance)**

- This is the third year these avatars are available. Why does your team not have one yet?!

SITE AND PARKING AT BHA

Meet 1 · Brighter Horizons Academy (BHA), 3145 Medical Plaza Dr, Garland, TX 75044. Pit layout to follow.

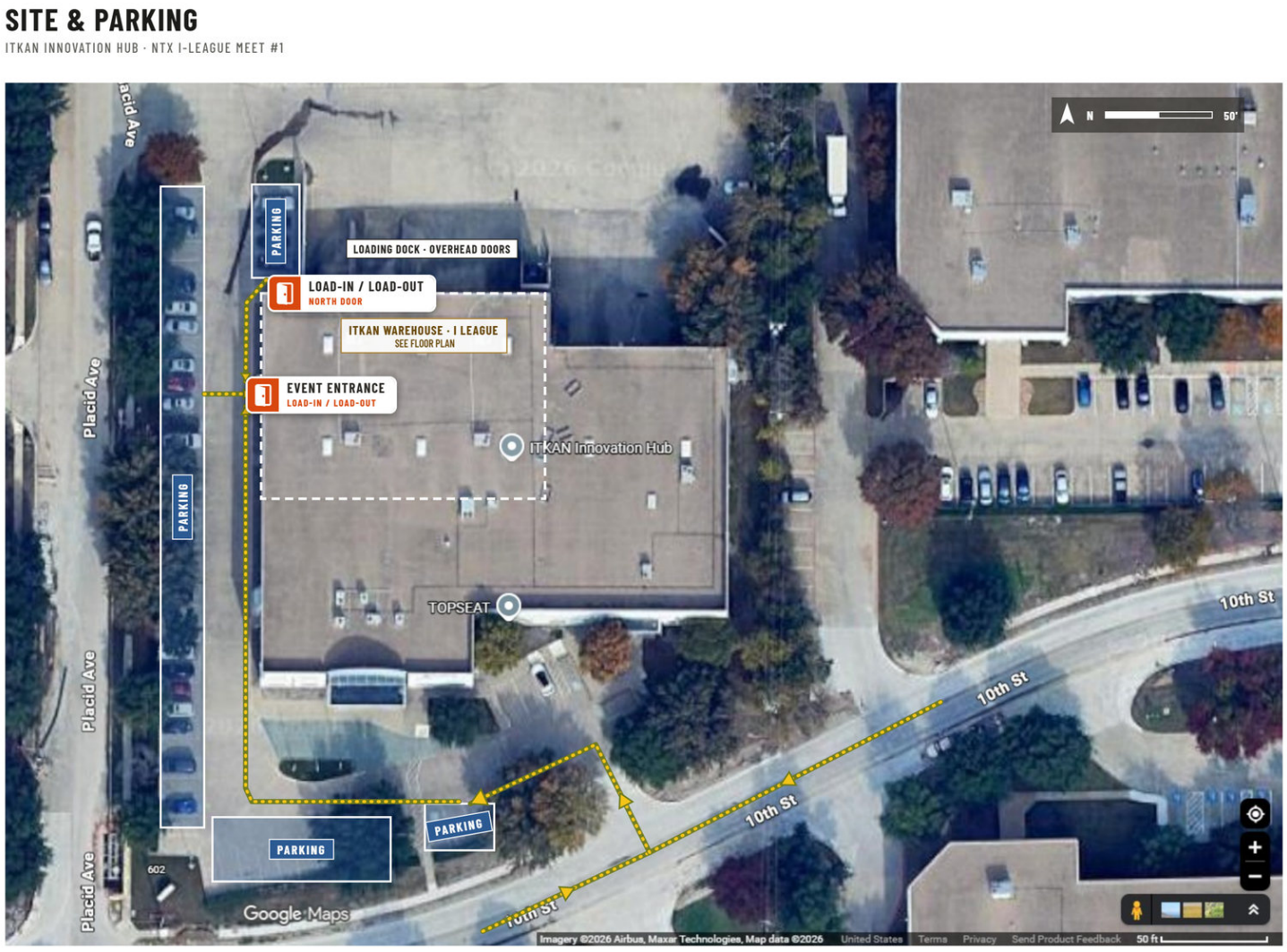
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PIT MAP AND ARENA FLOORPLAN

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