

9. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL

9.1 Event Location

Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena
3939 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90037

<http://www.lacvb.com>

9.2 Directions to Los Angeles Sports Arena

From the North: Take 101 South to 110 South, exit to Martin Luther King Boulevard. Proceed west and enter on Hoover.

From the South: Take 405 North (from San Diego area) to 110 North. Exit to Martin Luther King Boulevard and proceed west, enter on Hoover.

From the West: Take 10 East to 110 South. Exit to Martin Luther King Boulevard and proceed west, enter on Hoover.

From the East: Take 10 West to 110 South. Exit to Martin Luther King Boulevard and proceed west, enter on Hoover.

9.3 Hotel / Reservation Information

Please review the instructions below before you attempt to reserve rooms for your team. FIRST has contracted the services of The Meeting Company to obtain the best discounted rates for regional competition hotels. This will also make the registration process easier, unified, streamlined, and more efficient for both teams and hotels. For up-to-date regional hotel information and airline travel discounts, refer to the FIRST web site www.usfirst.org

9.3.1 Team Travel Coordinator Responsibilities

Listed below are the FIRST recommended hotels for your regional competition. If your team wishes to make reservations at one of these hotels, your Designated Team Travel Coordinator must initiate contact and follow through with The Meeting Company. This can begin November 15, 2000.

- Only the Team Travel Coordinator has been given contact information for The Meeting Company. He or she must complete and submit the *Room Block Request Form* and the *Team Rooming List*, as well as make payment to the hotel.

NOTE: Do not call the hotels listed below directly for your *initial* team room reservations.

- Team Travel Coordinators will also be responsible for updating the travel agent representing their team with all pertinent booking information.
- *SUGGESTION:* Refer to the hotel web site to locate and print directions to the hotel(s)
- Should your team wish to stay at a hotel not listed below, The Meeting Company does not become involved. Your team must make those reservations.

9.3.2 Making Reservations at FIRST Recommended Hotels

Step 1 Room Block Requests

Team Travel Coordinators must submit a Room Block Request through The Meeting Company:

- Fill out *Group Room Block Request Form* for each team and each Regional Competition your team(s) will attend. This is done using a hidden URL via the web. You must use this URL every time you want to access this form. (This hidden URL was provided to all Designated Travel Coordinators in an e-mail in early November. It is not posted for public view.)
- Submit the *Group Room Block Request Form* as an e-mail attachment to The Meeting Company.

There will be a direct link e-mail address for this submission purpose. *Do NOT submit this form directly to the hotel.* While The Meeting Company prefers e-mail attachments, you may phone or fax your room block request. This information is contained in the November e-mail sent to all Designated Travel Coordinators

NOTE: You will receive a return e-mail confirming your team room block from The Meeting Company within 72 hours.

Step 2 Team Rooming List

Team Rooming Lists are due by the *Rooming List Due Dates* listed for each hotel. Find these dates below in *FIRST Recommended Hotels* or in the regional hotel information on the FIRST web site.

Team Travel Coordinators must submit Team Rooming Lists through The Meeting Company:

1. Fill out each *Rooming List Form* completely.
2. Submit the form to The Meeting Company as soon as you can, do not wait until the hotel's cut-off date. Submit it as an e-mail attachment via the direct link e-mail address on the web for this submission purpose. (This hidden URL was provided to all Designated Travel Coordinators in an e-mail in early November. It is not posted for public view.)
3. Once you have submitted your rooming list to The Meeting Company and received your return confirmation numbers, contact the hotel(s) directly to make any changes. Refer to FIRST Recommended Hotels Section below.

Step 3 Hotel Payment

Do the following upon receipt of Rooming List confirmation:

- Send hotel payments directly to the hotel(s), attention Reservation Department. Specific hotel information is listed on the FIRST web site also.
- If paying by check, put the following references on the check:
 1. "FIRST Robotics Competition"
 2. Team Number
 3. Team name (List sponsor first, then school)

9.3.3 FIRST Recommended Hotels

All requests will be taken on a first come, first served basis. You will be able to start your regional hotel on-line registration process on November 15, 2000. Pay attention to the rooming list due date below. *Refer to the FIRST web site (www.usfirst.org) for up-to-date Regional hotel information and airline discount tickets.*

A. WILSHIRE ROYALE HOWARD JOHNSON - 4.3 miles to competition site

2619 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90057

<http://www.hotelroyale.com>

FIRST Robotics Competition group rate, \$109 per night S/D/T/Q. Rate is subject to 14% CA Rooms occupancy Tax

Rooming List Due Date: February 7, 2001

Once your Team Travel Coordinator has provided The Meeting Company with the team rooming list and have received the team booking confirmation, he or she may call hotel directly for changes, additions, hotel questions. Call (213) 387-5311.

B. SHERATON FOUR POINTS HOTEL - 11 miles to competition site

9750 Airport Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90045

<http://www.fourpointslax.com>

FIRST Robotics Competition group rate, \$129 per night S/D/T/Q. Rate is subject to 14% CA Rooms occupancy Tax

Rooming List Due Date: February 7, 2001

Once your Team Travel Coordinator has provided The Meeting Company with the team rooming list and have received the team booking confirmation, he or she may call hotel directly for changes, additions, hotel questions. Call (310) 649-7028.

9.3.4 Making Reservations at Other Hotels

Should you wish to stay at a hotel not listed above, your Team Travel Coordinator should make all of the team's hotel arrangements directly with the hotel. The Meeting Company is not involved.

9.4 Directions: Hardware, Electronics, Copy Facility, and Variety Stores

The directions are from the Los Angeles Sports Arena, S Figueroa Street.

HOME BASE -Slauson 5.5 miles, approx. 13 minutes

Phone: (323) 298-1155

Address: 4925 W. Slauson Boulevard, Los Angeles 90056

Directions: Turn right on S. Figueroa. (.2 mi.) Turn right onto W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.(2.3 mi.) W@.MLK Jr. Blvd. Becomes Leimert Blvd (.7mi), Turn right onto W. Vernon Ave. (.1 mi.) Turn slight left onto Olympiad Drive (.1 mi). Turn slight left onto Angeles Vista Blvd. (1.5 mi.). Turn right onto W. Slauson Ave. (.7 mi.)

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 6:00a.m. to 9:00p.m., Sat. 6:00a.m. to 8:00p.m, Sun. 8:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.

HOME DEPOT-Cypress Park 6.8 miles, approximately 10 minutes

Phone: (323) 342-9495

Address: 2055 N. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, 90065

Directions: Turn left on S. Figueroa St. (.2 mi.), turn slight right onto S Flower St. (.2 mi.), turn right onto W 37th St (.1 mi.), turn left onto S Hope St. (.1 mi.). Take the I-110 North/Harbor Fwy North ramp (.1 mi.), merge onto I-110N (1.3 mi.) I-110 becomes CA-110N (4 mi.) Take I-5 North Ramp towards Sacramento (.3 mi.) and take the Riverside Drive exit (.1 mi) Turn right onto Riverside Drive (.4 mi.). Riverside Drive becomes N. Figueroa St.

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 6:00a.m. to 10:00p.m., Sunday 8:00a.m. to 9:00p.m.

HOME DEPOT-Marina Del Rey 9.2 miles, approximately 21 minutes

Phone: (310) 822-3330

Address: 12975 W. Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90066

Directions: Turn right on South Figueroa (.2 mi.), turn right on W Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (2.3 mi.) MLK Jr. Blvd. Becomes Leimert Blvd. (.7 mi.). Turn right onto W. Vernon Ave. (.1 mi.), turn slight left onto Olympiad Dr. (.1 mi.), turn slight left onto Angeles Vista Blvd. (1.5 mi.), turn right onto W Slauson Ave. (2.6 mi.), turn slight left onto Jefferson Blvd. (1.8 mi.)

Hours: 24 hours

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Phone: (213) 747-8341, Fax: (213) 747-3637

Address: 2723 S. Figueroa St. Los Angeles 90007-3256 (28th & Figueroa)

Hours: 24 hours.

BIG K MART #7625 2.2 miles, approximately 5 minutes

Phone: (323) 753-1464

Address: 5850 S Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles 90044-3712

Directions: Turn right on s. Figueroa St. (.2 mi.), turn right onto W Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. (.5 mi.), turn left onto S Vermont Ave. (f1.5 mi.) . Corner of Vermont & Slauson

Hours: Mon. - Sun. 8:a.m. to 10:00p.m.

9.5 Drayage: Requirements & Instructions

Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena will not accept or store team robots or tool boxes. Freeman Decorating will deliver all freight to the competition site on Wednesday, March 14, 2001. Please read and follow the information and stipulations in this section to ensure proper shipment and delivery of your robot and equipment.

In order for FIRST to ensure that teams meet "robot out of hands" deadlines and to ensure on-time arrivals and "trackability," FIRST requires teams to use the drayage services stipulated for each event. Freeman Decorating Company is the exclusive drayage contractor for the Southern California Regional. Please note the stipulations listed below:

1. Freeman will receive only crated, boxed, or skidded materials at their warehouse.
2. Freeman will only receive shipments that are sent with freight charges *PREPAID*. *They cannot and will not accept collect shipments.*
3. All shipments must have a bill of lading or delivery slip showing the number of pieces, type of merchandise or weight. Shipments received without freight bills or specified unit counts on receipts will be delivered to team tables without guarantee of piece count or condition.
4. When receiving freight, Freeman Decorating requires that drivers submit *certified weight receipts*. Freeman reserves the right of refusal to unload such shipments unless they are presented with same.

NOTE: If there is no weight receipt, Freeman Decorating will estimate the weight. If actual scale weight figures are not submitted prior to the move out period, the estimated weight will be final and binding.

9.5.1 Freeman Decorating Contact Information

Freeman Decorating Company C/O Sullivan Transfer Co.

610 S. Olive Street

Anaheim, CA 92805

Exhibitor Services Department

Phone: (714) 772-9049

9.5.2 Freight Arrival Deadline

Freeman Decorating must receive all freight at its warehouse no later than Monday, March 12, 2001 in order to meet delivery deadlines to the competition site.

9.5.3 Shipment Labeling

Refer to Crate Identification section for letter/number specifications. Clearly label all crates, boxes, or skids with the following information:

Team Number: _____

Team Name: _____

FREEMAN DECORATING COMPANY

**Hold for: Southern California Regional Competition
Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena
610 Olive Street, Anaheim, CA 92805**

9.5.4 Outbound Shipments

Outbound materials will be moved from the Pit area to the dock and reloaded on designated vehicles. To assist you with arrangements for outbound shipments, Freeman Decorating Company will have personnel with labels, bills of lading, and shipping information available.

9.5.5 One Way Shipments - Outbound

If your team intends to make its own return shipment arrangements, clearly mark each crate "ONE WAY."

9.5.6 Cost Paid by FIRST

FIRST will pay for the drayage cost of *ONE* crate only. Refer to *Crate Information, Crate Size and Weight Specifications* section.

9.5.7 Cost Paid by Teams

If the measurement or weight of crate exceeds the specifications, or if the team ships more than one crate, the team will pay for all additional drayage charges incurred. *Teams must pay for any additional drayage charges by the end of the competition on Saturday.*

9.6 Crate Information

It is important that teams follow the rules for crating and shipment of their robot. Please read and follow the requirements that help keep drayage and shipping manageable. The drayage company determines if a crate meets the required regulation size and passes the information to FIRST. *If a crate exceeds these specifications, FIRST will not guarantee security or delivery of the crate(s).*

9.6.1 Crate Size and Weight Specifications

- All crates must have a footprint *no greater* than 4' by 4' and be *no higher* than 6' high.
- All crates must weigh 400 pounds or less
- All crates must be sturdily built
- *All crates must "sit" on 2 pieces of 4" by 4" lumber, spaced at least 28" apart.* This requirement will facilitate moving the crates with a pallet lift.

9.6.2 Allowed Number of Crates

In order to keep Pit egresses clear and safe and provide each team with its fair share of designated space, FIRST recommends that each team bring only one crate. *No more than two crates per team are permitted at any competition site. The extra crate must also meet the specifications stated above.*

9.6.3 Crate Identification

Clearly mark all four (4) sides of your crate(s). Display the following:

• TEAM NUMBER	Place within the top 12 inches of crate. Use six (6) inch numbers.
• OFFICIAL TEAM NAME (Sponsor / School)	Place Under team number Use (2-3) inch letters.
• SITE LOCATION.	Place Under Team Name Use (2-3) inch letters.
Read the drayage company specifics to see if there are additional requirements or	

specific label style

NOTE: The address or the name of the team or team member is not enough information for identification.

9.6.4 Crate Contents

The following items are required to be included in the robot crate:

- 1 Robot
- 1 Control system (Complete)
- 2 Batteries: Unplug and pack separately from the robot. FIRST recommends using a small box packed inside your crate.

9.7 Shipping Your Robot & Equipment

Please be aware that there are shipping requirements and deadlines. There are specified times and dates that your robot must leave your hands and arrive at the drayage site. We try to make this process as easy as possible. Please pay attention to deadline and compliance issues.

On the Saturday of each competition, a drayage company and shipping vendor will be available on site to assist teams with shipping needs.

9.7.1 Shipping Charges

Teams are responsible for paying for all shipping charges. They must be paid “in full” at the time of shipment as COD shipments will not be accepted.

9.7.2 Yellow Freight

FIRST has negotiated a 53% discount on shipping rates for all Robotics Competition teams. This discount should save teams substantial money on shipping charges during the season. Use of Yellow Freight is optional. If your team chooses Yellow Freight, the following will occur:

- Yellow Freight will provide FIRST with a master account number. All teams must reference this number when making arrangements for shipping their crate. This will allow FIRST and each team to track shipments from the ship point to the drayage company.
- Yellow Freight will provide FIRST with proof of shipment and “out-of-hands verification.
- Each team will be able to call the Yellow Freight Customer Service Center 24 hours a day at (800) 610-6500 or use their web site www.YellowFreight.com to make arrangements and track their shipment.

9.7.3 “Robot out-of-hands” Rule / Verification

To give each team the same amount of time to work on their machines, robots must be out of teams’ hands at a specified time. Make sure your team complies with this policy. Do the following:

- Obtain receipt from your Shipper
or If you drive your robot to the drayage site, obtain receipt from the drayage company
- Make sure your receipt clearly shows the date and “out of hands” time
- Put your team number on the receipt and, within 24 hours, fax it to FIRST, Ericka-Leigh Smith (603) 666-3907 or (603) 666-0043

If this is Your Initial Regional Event:

Your robot must out of team’s hands - either in a shipping company’s possession, or at the drayage company designated for that event by 5p.m. local time on Tuesday, February 20, 2001.

- *Arrival at drayage site deadline:* Your robot must be delivered to the designated drayage company by 5p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2001.
- You have three shipping options:

Shipping Options	“Robot Out-of-hands” Verification
1. Ship via Yellow Freight	Yellow Freight notifies FIRST
2. Ship via another carrier	You must fax verification
3. Drive your robot to the Drayage site	You must fax verification

If Team is Competing in Multiple Events:

Any team competing in multiple competitions is required to ship its robot to the drayage company handling the regional in which they will next compete.

- *Arrival at drayage site deadline:* Your shipping company must deliver your robot to the drayage company by 5p.m. on Monday, March 12, 2001.
- You have two “robot out-of-hands” shipping options:
 1. Ship the robot from one event to the next. Ship by 5 p.m. on the last day of the regional event

OR

2. Take the robot “home.” *It must be out of your hands by 5p.m. local time on the Tuesday following the event.*

Refer to above table for shipping and “out-of-hands” verification options.