



FIRST Team 1403 Cougar Robotics Member Contract 2019-2020

As a member of FIRST Team 1403 Cougar Robotics, I _____, promise to uphold the values of the FIRST organization, including Gracious Professionalism and Coopertition. Gracious Professionalism is a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. Coopertition is displaying unqualified kindness and respect in the face of fierce competition.

I understand my responsibilities as a member of the team to include:

1. Good behavior and safety at team meetings

Members must...

- ❖ Always be on time, or email your team leaders as to why you are not able to attend a meeting.
- ❖ Sign-in and sign-out on the attendance laptop system. This is used for Varsity requirements.
- ❖ Listen to the team captain, team managers, and team leaders by following directions.
- ❖ Be respectful of other members and mentors.
- ❖ Always have a positive attitude when working.
- ❖ Always clean up after yourself and make sure tools are used appropriately.

2. Good behavior and safety at competitions

Members must...

- ❖ Be respectful of other teams and do not engage in inappropriate behavior.
- ❖ Always have a positive and cooperative attitude at competition, especially toward other teams.
- ❖ Be responsible and follow the conduct as described in the Montgomery High School Student Handbook.
- ❖ Always wear the team uniform to look professional, promote team spirit, and display team sponsors.
- ❖ Respect mentors, judges, and volunteers at the competitions, as they work very hard to make the experience memorable.
- ❖ Keep in good order and respect all team equipment.
- ❖ Always act professionally, especially when communicating with others. No inappropriate language.

3. Prioritize academics and follow team policies

Members must...

- ❖ Maintain constant grades throughout preseason, build season, and post-season.
- ❖ Prioritize their grades over their participation on Team 1403.
- ❖ Communicate with their teachers regarding missed classes due to Team activities and make efforts to make-up all missed work in a timely manner, respecting teacher's schedules.
- ❖ Must maintain 75% attendance in order to travel with the team, as well as maintain 50% attendance to stay on team. See Varsity requirements for % clarifications.
- ❖ Make team commitment a priority.

- ❖ Dress properly in the correct team uniform (current Team t-shirt, khaki pants and closed toe shoes) at all competitions and team sponsored events.
- ❖ Understand that your team status following school suspensions will be determined at the advisor's and vice principals discretion on a case-by-case basis.
- ❖ Communicate effectively with your parents regarding pick-up time and location after events as to not have the mentors wait excessively.
- ❖ Students who are not picked up 15 minutes after returning from a trip may be asked not to participate in any further events.
- ❖ Communicate all Team activities and requirements to your parents or legal guardian.

4. *Understand the Varsity Letter Requirements to include:*

- ❖ Attendance of 75% of all weekday team-specific and general meetings during pre-season (excluding Cougar Classes). You must attend the entire meeting for it to count.
- ❖ Full attendance of at least 4 out of the 5 Cougar Classes.
- ❖ Attendance of 75% of all weekday meetings during build season. Mechanical, Electrical, Design and Programming will meet a minimum of 3 days a week for 1 hour. AV, Business/Communication Outreach and Strategy will meet 2 times a week for 1 hour. For a meeting to count you must be present for the entire 1 hour.
- ❖ Attendance at all Saturday meetings during build season. No Exceptions!
- ❖ Full attendance on both days of two official competitions (i.e., both main competition days for two different events).
- ❖ Twenty-five hours per student of documented and approved community service in connection with Team 1403 outreach events, including, but not limited to, Kickoff, Montgomery FMA District Event (only 10 hours can be used), Rock Brook School, Fall Festival, FIRST Lego League mentoring, SOAR program, presentations, and demonstrations. Set up and cleanup of the Montgomery event will count towards hours but not volunteering at the event unless you have fulfilled your competition requirement.
- ❖ Members who complete all of these requirements during the course of one academic year will earn a Cougar Robotics varsity letter.
- ❖ Certain varsity requirements may be waived for individual members, discrepancies will be reviewed at the discretion of Mr. Leicht and the mentors of the team.

I have read and understand all of the above requirements.

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Team Member Signature	Date
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Parent or Guardian Signature	Date
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Advisor Signature	Date

