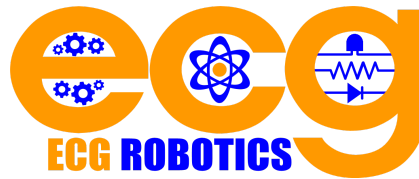


Student Contract 2017-2018

This is a team contract for ECG Robotics teams: FRC Team 1533 - Triple Strange and FTC Team 731- Wannabee Strange, FTC Team 5795 - Back to the Drawing Board, FTC Team 6183 - Thunder Ducks and FTC Team 10195 - The NightOwls. By signing this student contract, each member acknowledges that he or she understands the rules and regulations, agrees to them, and will follow them. Violation of any part of this contract may impact a student's ability to participate in the competition or in the ECG Robotics program.

Section I: Participation

- 1. Definition:** Team 1533 and Teams 731, 5795, 6183 and 10195 are about more than just building a robot during build season. Participation includes, but is not limited to – attendance at team meetings, partaking in service projects, the build season, competition, training sessions, mentoring other students and various other events throughout the year. We are a year-round club meaning we have scheduled meetings year-round with the summer months being optional.
- 2. FTC Teams 731, 5795, 6183 and 10195 Attendance Requirements:** FTC meetings are typically scheduled on Friday afternoons during the school year from 4 - 8 pm and extended hours as needed for build season. Since FTC teams have a 15 member team limit, participation from each member is critical. Students should have a goal to participate at a minimum of 75% of the meetings or more to maximize their experience. If an FTC Team member cannot attend a meeting, notice must be provided to the coach or designated mentor in advance of a given event or meeting. Attendance will be used in selection of key roles, but it will not be the only factor. Meetings may be scheduled at other times based on student and coach availability via e-mail, text or phone call. A lack of participation in the team can result in probation.
- 3. FRC Team 1533 Attendance Requirements:** FRC typically meets once a week either at TSL or The Zone (JA King in Whitsett) at a time that is determined by the team's and mentor's schedule and needs for the week during the off season, fall and late spring. During the 6 week build season (January 1- March 25) the FRC team meets 5 days a week at the previously mentioned places, including longer time frames on Saturday. During competition season the schedule will vary, so flexibility is very important. Attendance and participation will be tracked and will be considered when resolving team role conflicts. Students/parents are responsible for arranging transportation to team meetings. The Student Leadership team may waive absences due to extenuating circumstances at their discretion. Please inform the head coach if you cannot make your weekly commitment during build season.
- 4. ECG Robotics Interdepartmental participation is encouraged.** Team members should not feel restricted to work in only one area provided they have met their obligations and commitments. The ECG Robotics experience is meant to provide access to multiple activities and develop skills. However, students should remember to deliver on their commitments as a first priority and then expand their experiences.
- 5. Parent Participation-** Parents are an integral part of the success of ECG Robotics and encouraged to be involved in their child's experience with the organization. As with student involvement we need parents to be involved by volunteering for at least five volunteer opportunities throughout the year. This can include carpooling, TSL or JA King Chaperoning, outreach event parent, etc.



6. **Fundraising-** Fundraising is part of club stability and student and parents need to be involved in the fundraising process generating new ideas and energy. As a rule of thumb it costs \$1,000 per student outside of dues collection to support our current activities. We expect students and parents to be involved in the process.

Section II: Academics

1. All FRC and FTC Team members **must** maintain acceptable levels of academic achievement. Members on academic probation may not attend meetings or participate in competitions.
2. Members will **not** use this club as an excuse for dips in academic performance and should use their discretion when deciding whether to attend a meeting. For instance, it is inadvisable to attend a meeting if there is a major academic project, such as an exam or a paper, which the student should focus on instead. This may be a valid excuse for not attending a meeting, however proper planning to ensure maintenance of an acceptable team attendance record is the responsibility of each team member.

Section III: Outreach and Community Service

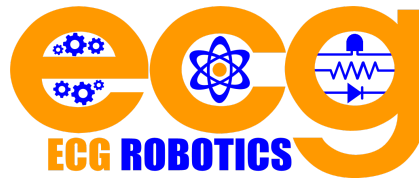
1. An integral component of the *FIRST* program is giving back to the community through volunteering and outreach projects. It is expected that students will complete a minimum of eight hours outreach volunteering with their team in the community. Service-learning hours can be earned and will be approved for these activities. Detailed information regarding these events will be provided at various times throughout the year.

Section IV: Behavior

1. All team members are expected to behave appropriately at all times. If there is a question or complaint about a team member's behavior, this will be addressed by the department head, student leadership, and Team Coach.
2. All Team members are responsible for conducting themselves with the utmost respect towards mentors, sponsors and the facilities and equipment we use. This includes:
 - a. Always showing gratitude in our actions and words towards our sponsors, mentors, and volunteers for the time, money and resources they give us to support our program.
 - b. Responding promptly to all requests, these may include, but are not limited to requests for volunteers, information, feedback on ideas, etc.
 - c. Ensuring we leave any facility looking neater and cleaner than we arrived.
3. Team members shall act professionally and respect others based upon the guiding concept of "*Gracious Professionalism.*"
4. Participate in *FIRST* Youth Protection and Safety training when scheduled by coach and abide by its policies and procedures.
5. Any public expression about ECG Robotics or *FIRST* must be approved by mentors before they are made public. All outreach projects and communication also must be approved and worked in collaboration with mentors.

Section V: Safety

1. When working with machinery or working in the marked zones in TSL, team members will wear safety glasses, will alert a team mentor to supervise before beginning, and will check the area to insure that it is clear.
2. Closed toe shoes must be worn to all team meetings, events, and competitions.
3. Only team members who have been trained to handle specific machinery may operate it.



4. When at a machine shop, all team members must be accompanied by a qualified adult supervisor/facility employee. Use of machinery and equipment shall be at the discretion of, and only under the supervision of, a qualified adult supervisor/facility employee.
5. If safety documents are required to be signed, the team member is expected to sign and abide by such documents. By signing the regulations, members are stating that they understand the regulation and will be held accountable.
6. All team members must complete the safety information and training session prior to participating in any activities.
7. No team meetings may take place without a first aid kit.
8. When an accident occurs, an accident report must be filed with the Safety Director.
9. When moving about any facility during team activities or trips, members must always be accompanied by an adult and/or travel in numbers greater than one in accordance with the buddy system.
10. All team members are expected to listen to and adhere to the rules and directions put forward by the current safety officer.

Section VI: Probation

In the event one does not adhere to the policies listed in this document, without due cause, the following course of action will be taken:

1st Offense: Team member will be referred to student leadership for counseling.

2nd Offense: Team member will be referred to the head coach for counseling.

3rd Offense: Team member will be dismissed from the Team.

Any number of other non-specified offenses, or extreme offenses, may result in immediate dismissal from the team, as deemed necessary by the student and adult leadership teams.