

Botball 2018 Comments

Regional Competition

- Need to do some public relations in the region – excite more teams
- Schedule some scrimmages for small sets of teams
- Too long to respond to FAQ
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Competition Procedures

- Would suggest a competition totally different from double elimination. Each team would play every other team in their division once, similar to a baseball league schedule. Divisions would be created from seeding rounds. This way every team would play right up to the end of the competition – no teams leaving because they got knocked out of double elimination.
- Not sure how double seeding in GCER helped refine the seeding – a waste of time
- Possible video review
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Botball Game

- Scoring too complex and too complicated, too hard to score
- Don't like multipliers, no other games use multipliers
- I would like to see a list of learning objectives for each scoring objective
- Eliminate the bump
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KIPR Products

- Wallaby too fragile, firmware buggy, libraries limited, need many more ports.
- Camera failed too often, one call to Update does not work, major issues with memory leaks and image processing
- Motors are very bad, they fail frequently. The servos are better than last year
- What happened to ultrasound sensors?
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Botball and KIPR General Comments

- Good staff
- Needs to expand the number of teams
- Web site need update and redesign
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GCER

GCER Hotel/travel/location/conference center

- Palm Desert, predictable too hot
- Out of the way, strange location
- Nothing for teens, it is a golf resort
- Too expensive to travel, hotel too costly
- Didn't like going out of competition room to go from pit to other places
- There was no food at hotel
- Parking at hotel was poor and expensive
- Hotel rooms all booked too early
- Nothing to do other than conference

GCER Event Schedule

- Do competition before the breakout sessions
- Botball activities at the hotel was limited
- Have a late night practice session, 9am to 1pm with less noise
- Not enough free time.
- Award area too small, no speakers
- Pit area too small

KIPR Open

- Need to publish the competition much, much earlier.
- Needed to announce the competition schedule so some people can watch
- Missions were too difficult to be completed in just a month
- Lighting varied over the board too much to use the camera with put specific location calibration