

2026–2027 Student Commitment to Gracious Professionalism

Gracious Professionalism

FRC Robotics embraces a code of conduct known as Gracious Professionalism. Gracious professionalism is “a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. With Gracious Professionalism, fierce competition and mutual gain are not separate notions. Gracious professionals learn and compete like crazy but treat one another with respect and kindness in the process. “ TJ² has been one of the foremost ambassadors of Gracious Professionalism, not only at our competitions, but in all things that we do. **We expect team members to always enact Gracious Professionalism whenever they are representing TJ², whether at competitions, team meetings, fundraisers, presentations, or participating in conversations with other teams in person, in online forums, or on social media.**

A graciously professional student:

- Is gracious to our competitors in victory, and to ourselves and our alliance mates in defeat
- Does not use defamatory or obscene language
- Remembers that what might be funny to one person might not be funny to everyone
- Stays in team-designated areas. This includes:
 - Staying in approved parts of BRRHS during team meetings
 - Staying within the competition venue during competitions
 - Staying within the designated areas of the hotel for overnight stays
 - Other, as designated by coaches as needed. On certain occasions, students can depart these areas as long as a coach or mentor accompanies them (say, to get ice cream at a place across from the hotel) but these will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- Is socially responsible for the team and team mates. This includes:
 - Not gossiping or spreading rumours about other students
 - Respecting other students' boundaries and property
 - Knowing that bullying is completely unacceptable
 - Bringing to the coaches' attention any bullying that is occurring
- Only uses their cell phone in an appropriate manner at all team functions
- Follows all team safety protocols. This includes:
 - Wearing appropriate PPE (closed-toed shoes, safety glasses, hearing protection) when appropriate.
 - Using the buddy system at competitions and events outside of BRRHS
- Follows all coach and mentor directives
- Follows all BRRHS rules, including hazing and substance abuse rules, at all times

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Any student who behaves in a manner that goes against gracious professionalism will be warned, and if a subsequent infraction occurs, they will be asked to leave the event or meeting. At the head coach's discretion, a particularly egregious violation may result in the student being asked to leave immediately from the event or meeting, and a disciplinary referral to BRRHS may be made. They will be required to remain with a coach or mentor until parents or guardians can arrange for their transportation. If a pattern of ungracious behavior occurs, the student's membership in TJ² will become in jeopardy and may face dismissal from the team. A dismissed student will not be allowed the opportunity to participate in any additional TJ² activities for the remainder of the school year, and any funds that they have accrued will be forfeited.

I hereby commit to acting with Gracious Professionalism whenever I am representing TJ² Robotics.

(Print - Student Name)

(Student Signature)

(Date)

(Print - Parent / Guardian Name)

(Parent / Guardian Signature)

(Date)