**Ethics and Robotics Teams – a Lesson!**

**Goal:** to develop a relevant code of ethics that students own and embrace as their own.

-to develop a method of keeping the code alive on the team

-to develop a method of passing this code to future teams, making it an important tradition of the team

**TJ2 Member Code**

General Guidelines for Team member

* Contribute to welcoming atmosphere and feel of the team
* Do not misuse team or school equipment/facilities
* Value honesty and integrity
* Absolutely never bully, exclude, or discriminate against teammates, members of FIRST Robotics or anyone
* Have knowledge of all rules and regulations both in your school and at FIRST events and report any violations of them
* Fulfill all obligations and responsibilities to the best of your ability
* Accept responsibility for your actions
* Understand and follow the general ethics rules of FIRST
* Code of Conduct  FIRST Robotics

FYI

The *FIRST* mission is to inspire a generation of science and technology leaders who are both gracious and professional. This *FIRST* Code of Conduct lists some of the basic behaviors  mentors, coaches, volunteers, team members, affiliate partners, contractors, staff, and other participants should adhere to while participating in *FIRST* activities.

* Exhibit Gracious Professionalism® at all times. 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.
* Ensure the safety of all participants in *FIRST* activities.
* Not engage in any form of bullying, harassment, use of profane or insulting language, or any actual or threatened violence.
* Adhere to all *FIRST* Youth Protection Program (YPP) policies.
* Report any unsafe behavior to event or local *FIRST* leadership.

Persons who do not comply with this Code of Conduct may be barred from participating in *FIRST* activities.General ethics for Leaders

General Ethics for Leaders

* Encourage the team and help members in understanding their own roles and ethics
* Help create opportunities for others to learn and experience all aspects of FIRST and STEAM as a whole
* Assist struggling or isolated members as well as develop trust with everyone
* Role model acceptable behavior by following all ethical rules and promoting an environment of toleration and acceptance
* Communicate and interact with all members and aspects of the team

Ethics for Competitions

* Always act with Gracious Professionalism
* Help others whenever you get the chance
* Treat other teams with respect and kindness
* Lift others up rather than tear them down
* Always keep your cool
* Do your best
* Behave responsibly

Ethics for interacting with community

* Always be truthful and thorough when making statements to the community
* Show the values of FIRST during interactions and follow all other ethical guidelines
* Act to help the public in education or the spreading of FIRST values. Always be willing to assist
* Honor to the best of your abilities all commitments and agreements between the team and an outside source
* Set a good example for FIRST and your FIRST team

Ethics for Robot Creation

* Never build something inherently dangerous or leave something in such a state that it would easily become a danger
* Assign credit where credit is due. Never allow the hard work of another to be stolen or copyright infringed.
* Ensure the workplace is completely safe and secure
* Treat every team with respect
* Offer help to others

**Method to bring code to team consciousness**



Two sided badge with TJ2 Lanyard to be worn whenever acting as part of the TJ2 Robotics Team.

**Method for Future Teams**

 First meeting after election of captains – review code.

 Team votes to adopt code

 Full rewrite every four years

I agree to conduct myself in a manner that reflects this code of ethics as long as I am a member of

The BRRHS TJ2 Robotics Team FRC #88.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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