



ROBOTICS EDUCATION &
COMPETITION FOUNDATION

SUMMIT

| ROBOTICS PROGRAMS |



The State of RECF Programs

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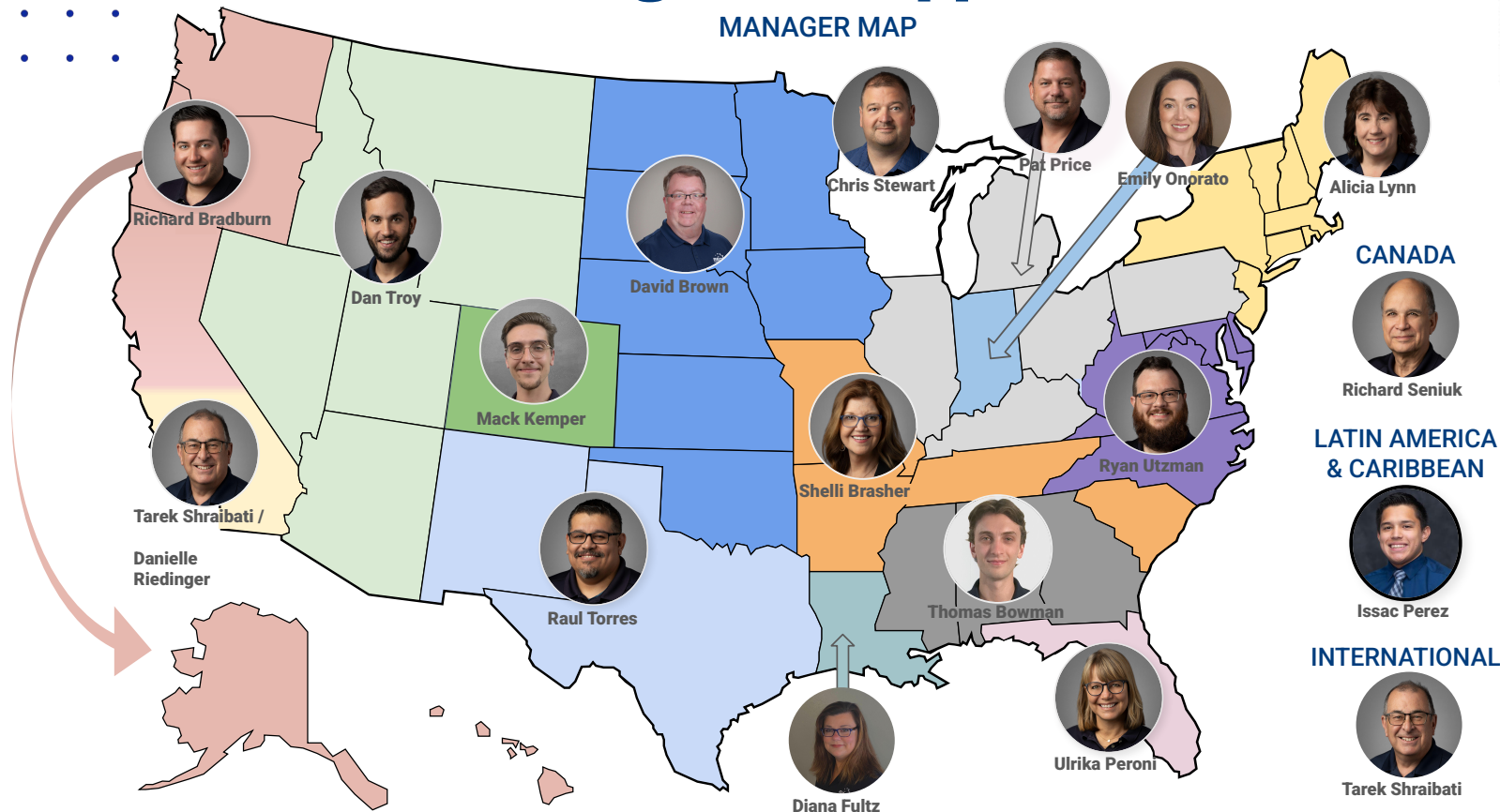


Logistics

- General Session Change
- Restrooms
- Coffee/Snacks
- Meals
- Q/A, Hot Topics, Agenda
- Networking
- Meet Your RSM

Regional Support

MANAGER MAP



What Remains Unchanged

- **RECF created content:** Code of Conduct, Student Centered, Qualifying Criteria, RECF Library, Commitment to Event/Coach Excellence, Youth Protection Policies, Advisory Boards, Guide to Judging, Webinars, etc.
- Use of current robotics parts/equipment
- Personal Regional Support - *you know who this person is*
- International Programs
- Annual World Championship



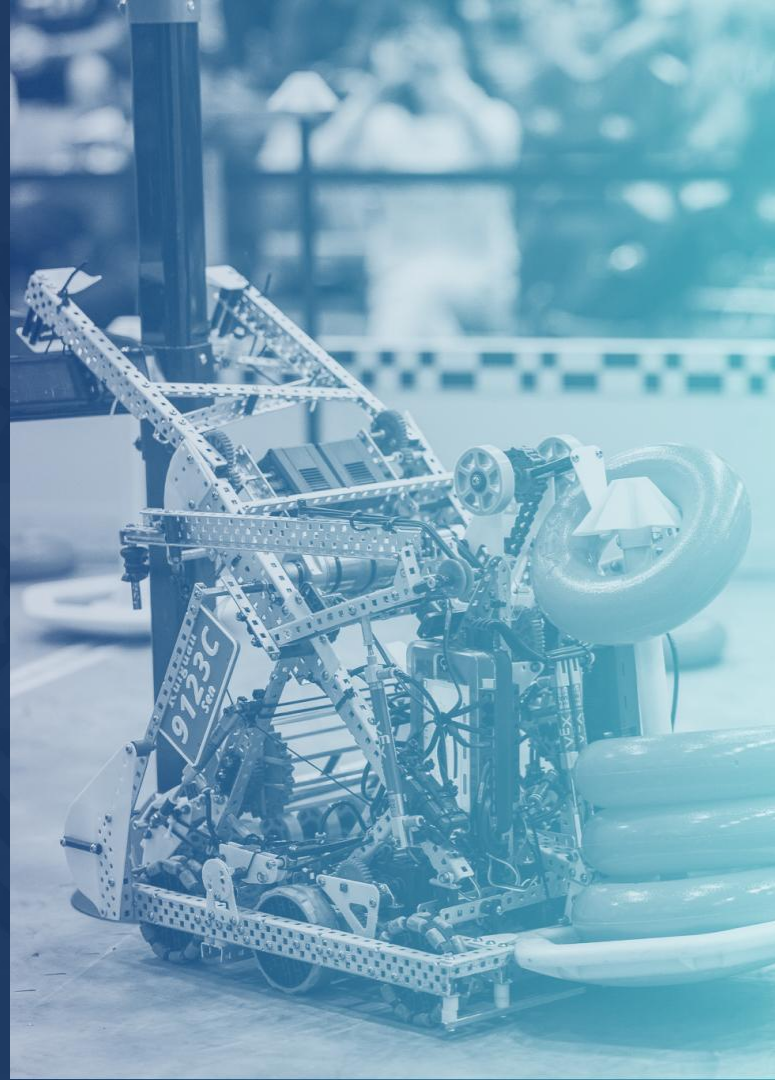


Season Themes

- What you do is **YOUR** decision!
- Grace
- Flexibility
- Simple
- Choice

Perception vs. Reality

- **Perception:** *3D printing was introduced to give teams a competitive advantage*
- **Reality:** Community has been asking for this for years.
- **Reality:** 3D printing was introduced to encourage creativity and innovation.
- **Reality:** 3D printing was introduced to lower cost for teams



Shipping Cost Examples

City * San Francisco	State/Province * California ▼	Zip/Postal Code * 94107
Country * United States		

City * Arlington	State/Province * Texas ▼	Zip/Postal Code * 76011
Country * United States		

Order Summary

Cart Subtotal	\$6.29
Shipping FedEx - Ground	\$24.00
Tax (?)	\$2.62

Order Total \$32.91

1 Item in Cart ^



Teflon Washer (25-pack)

275-1025

Qty: 1

Excl. Tax: \$6.29

Cart Subtotal	\$6.29
Shipping FedEx - Ground	\$14.99
Tax (?)	\$1.43

Order Total \$22.71

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Teflon Washer (25-pack)

275-1025

Qty: 1

Excl. Tax: \$6.29



Perception vs. Reality

Perception: *Non-VEX parts were introduced to give teams a competitive advantage.*

Reality: Non-VEX parts were introduced to purchase similar products at a lower cost for teams.

Reality: Many teams have perfectly useable equipment in storage rooms, closets, etc. that can not be used because product partner competitions only allow their products to be used.

Perception vs. Reality

Perception: *We can't use VEX robot parts if we stay with the RECF*

Reality: VEX robot parts are welcome and there are NO plans to change that at anytime in the future.

Ex. painted parts



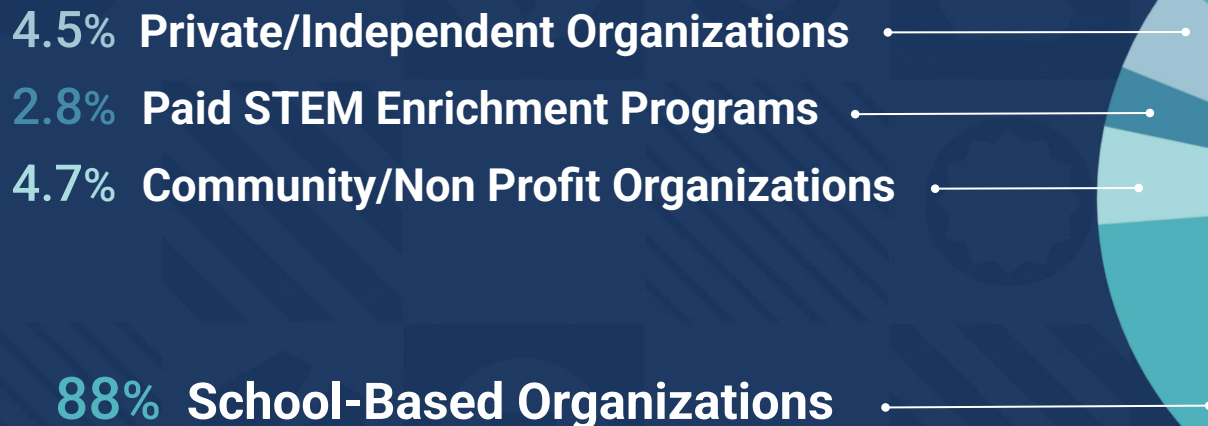


Perception vs. Reality

Perception: *Private teams can't compete with the RECF.*

Reality: All teams are welcome. Some in the community are misinterpreting our focus on school-based organizations.

Organization Type Breakdown



Why Focus on Local Events?

21,021

LOCAL
EVENTS

2,099

SIGNATURE
EVENTS

2,400

WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP

Looking Ahead

- Drones/Robotics/Workforce Under 1 Umbrella
- 1 Combined RECF Summit in 2027
- Event Management Software
 - Community Development/Open Source
 - 2 - 90 Minute Sessions at Summit
- RECF STEM World Championship
 - Including Drones and Other Programs
 - General Session for Feedback
- Expansion of Conferences
 - Open to all programs, grade levels, & regions/multi-region
 - Open to various initiatives and growth areas
- Community Input on Game Design
 - 2 - 90 Minute Sessions at Summit for Robotics & Drones
- Community Award
- 2027-2028 Game Plans



Creating a culture that's
welcoming for **ALL**
students, coaches and
event partners



A crowd of people at an event, with a central figure wearing a white cap with 'KOREA' on it and a white hoodie with 'DISC BLASTERS' and the number '31230' on it. The person is wearing glasses and a black face mask, and is holding a small object in their right hand. The background is a blurred crowd of people, some wearing similar 'KOREA' caps. The entire image has a blue tint.

**THANK
YOU**