

This is only a draft with projected changes for former Robots EAST participants. The official set of rules will be released some time before January 1, 2016 and may differ from some of the items in this document.

General competition changes:

1. Teams are rated based on how complete and how quickly their robots performed the given challenge. Other awards do not factor into who advances to the Nationals.
2. Teams will not conduct live presentations but can still submit technical reports that to compete for Best Engineered award given out by Dalhousie.
3. The optional and encouraged multimedia entries will remain. Similarly to the technical reports the multimedia awards are external to the Skills competition and will be judged by Dalhousie representatives.
4. There will be no "most innovative strategy" award.
5. There will be no limit on the number of team members at the Atlantic level competition but teams who do advance will have to choose up to four members to represent them at the nationals.
6. There can be more than one team representing a given school.

Challenge:

1. The challenge will be designed in similarity with the National Finals so that team(s) who move on will have the ability to use their robots with minor modifications.
2. There will be no interaction between robots, everyone will have exclusive access to a playfield section to complete a task.
3. Teams will not have any practice time while at the event and will only have a limited number of attempts at the challenge.

Robots and Components allowed:

1. Allowable robot sizes and weights will significantly decrease
2. There will be no limitations on the materials and components used for building the robot. The existing robots EAST kits can be reused and expanded as desired
3. There will also be no limit on the number of radio channels used to control the robot but only up to two drivers can operate it simultaneously.
4. Robots can incorporate any programmable microcontrollers, sensors and other components that may be used to allow for as much autonomy as the team chooses.

Technical and other Support:

1. Dalhousie's staff will lead the technical committee of the competition and will be answering questions strictly related to the challenge. All other inquiries shall be directed to Skills NS staff.
2. Dalhousie's robots EAST staff will no longer supply or service electronics. Upon request we will provide necessary information for teams to be able to service their former kits or obtain spare parts.