

Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference



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Bemidji, MN (Apr 3, 2023) - The Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference (NMRC) is pleased to announce five member teams will participate at the upcoming 2023 MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) State Robotics Championship.

On Sunday afternoon, April 2nd, the MSHSL released the final statewide rankings in robotics for all 190 High School teams in Minnesota. Teams are divided up into eight sections in the state which are based solely on geography. The top two teams from each of these sections account for 16 of 36 spots available in the tournament. The rest of the field is filled out by the remaining top 20 teams statewide, regardless of the section they represent.

Both of the Section 8 representatives' seats will be filled by NMRC teams. The first of these is team **#5913 Patriotic** from Pequot Lakes. They will be making their fourth consecutive, and fifth overall state tournament appearance. The second representative is team **#2883 F.R.E.D.** from Warrorad. This will be their ninth appearance at this prestigious event as they make a bid to become a three time state champion.

We will also have three teams that have qualified via the overall statewide rankings. The first of these is the defending state champions, **#5172 Gator Robotics** from Greenbush-Middle River. They will be making their eighth appearance and are looking to make history as the first ever 4 time state champion in robotics. Additionally two of our teams will be making their robotics state tournament debut. **Full Metal Jackets, team #3297**, from Perham and team **#3134, The Accelerators**, from Cass Lake-Bena will be looking to make some noise as they participate for the first time ever at this event.

Additionally during the state tournament special awards announcements will be made that include MN State All-Academic Team, Coaches of the Year, Students of the Year, and the Robotics Hall of Fame Inductees.

This competition will mark the 11th time a State Tournament for HS robotics will be held in Minnesota. It is returning to the University of Minnesota campus at Williams Arena on Saturday May 6th. The event is free and open to the public.

More information, especially tournament archives, about robotics can be found on the MSHSL website at <https://www.mshsl.org/sports-and-activities/robotics>

For information about the tournament itself or the final statewide rankings please visit FUM (FIRST in the Upper Midwest) at <https://firstuppermidwest.org/off-season-events/mshsl-championship/>

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jesse Frost".

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