

Finding a Place to Meet

Team 8027



Factors to Consider : Location and Time



- Be sure the place is accessible for all members.
- This includes a drivable distance and accessibility to get into the building
- Ensure that the hours the team would like to meet are approved in advance
- Check if the location is willing to be flexible in the hours

Factors to Consider: Size

- It is important that the space is large enough for your team.
- Consider a workspace for building the robot, programming the robot, and driving the robot.
- A room that is 20 ft x 30ft might be on the small side, but could be doable for an FRC team
- The height of the room should be taken into account to accommodate field elements that are sometimes large and tall



Factors to Consider: Cost



- Consider your team's budget
- If a space is being provided for an FRC team, cost is a factor to think about
- Since an FRC program is a large expense every year, consider asking for space to be donated in-kind or free of charge
- If a space cannot be provided at no charge, negotiate the monthly fee

Factors to Consider: Safety

- Ensure that you can lock the room and storage cabinets
- A locked room provides safety to outside members and it protects the equipment from damage
- A team may also be required to needs to have insurance to use the space. This protects both the space and the members on the team.



Options for a Meeting Place

- A local college/university
- Empty warehouse
- Large room of an office building
- Large room of a community center
- Church hall
- Business Incubator
- An abandoned mall
- A school



Alternative Meeting Options

- If a team cannot meet at the regular location, consider the following:
- Team member's house
- Virtual (Zoom, Discord, Skype)



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