

Team Press Pass Information

The Greater Kansas City regional Team Press Pass program is intended to let the teams gather the photography they need to promote their team to their school and community. The Regional Planning Committee also would like for you to forward the best shots for inclusion on the KCFIRST.org website and other promotional items. As long as the program is producing good media, positive feedback and space allows, we intend to continue the program.

It is however critical that the program not interfere with the game. Thus there are a number of rules.

When on the field as a team press person there will be many things going on. The robots can be dangerous. Be sure to have your safety glasses and watch so that you don't get run over. The scoring table needs to be able to see every robot during the matches. The refs need to watch robots to the exclusion of bystanders. The judges need a good view when they are on the field. The larger press outlets may have cameras that also need good views of the field. The field reset personnel will need rapid access at specific times during the match. Stay clear of traffic areas during match resets so that they can go quickly and we can have lots of matches for the teams as well as stay on schedule.

You may however step in front of field reset persons to get the shot that you want as long as they can get to the field when needed. You may also temporarily block the audience view to get a shot. However be aware that lots of persons standing along the field edge lowers the enjoyment of the audience.

FIRST rules are very strict about the number of team members allowed on the field. Having too many is a game penalty. Because of this, you may not be part of your team by coaching. Because we can't differentiate between cheering and coaching you will **not** be allowed to cheer for your team while on the field with a press pass.

It has also been a problem in the past that the press passes were used to get a better view for scouting other teams for alliance selections. This is not the purpose of the program and creates an unfair situation. If we feel that you are not using the press pass as intended to get good photography we have the right to ask you leave the field area. Having your camera in your hand is the primary but not the only indication that we look for.

Please send the excellent shots we know you're going to take to Laura Bauer at bauerlb@kcstem.org.