

# HOWDY BOTS

## HANDBOOK ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have received a copy of the Howdy Bots Team Handbook. I have read the Handbook in its entirety, understand it, and discussed any questions or concerns I may have with the coaches/mentors.

Since the information and policies described here are subject to change with or without notice, I acknowledge that revisions to the Handbook may occur and I understand that these revisions supersede existing policies. The latest version is always posted to the team web site.

Team membership with the Howdy Bots is subject to the policies stated in this Handbook and all forms must be completed, signed and returned to the Howdy Bots to participate.

**By signing this Handbook Acknowledgment, We affirm the following:**

- We have read the Handbook in its entirety, understand the privileges and responsibilities being a member entails, and agree to abide by the rules and requirements therein.
- We understand that the consequences of not complying with the Handbook may result in the removal from the team, and that this will be solely at the discretion of the Head Coach.
- We agree with the philosophies *FIRST* upholds including Gracious Professionalism and Coopertition.
- We understand that this is a robotics TEAM and we will work together as a team. We understand that Howdy Bots is a collaborative project between students and mentors.
- We agree that in order for this team to be successful, it will require the full participation of the students with parental support.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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## MEMBER APPLICATION

| Student Information                              |            |                            |
|--|------------|----------------------------|
| First Name:                                      | Last Name: |                            |
| Nickname?:                                       |            |                            |
| Address:   |            |                            |
| City:  | State:     | Zip:                       |
| Date of Birth:                                   |            | Home Phone:                |
| Mobile Phone:                                    |            | Receive Texts/Slack: Y / N |
| Email:   |            |                            |
| Other Contact Info (Facebook, Twitter, etc.):    |            |                            |
| Parent/Guardian #1 Information (Primary Contact) |            |                            |
| First Name:                                      | Last Name: |                            |
| Address:   |            |                            |
| City:  | State:     | Zip:                       |
|  |            | Home Phone:                |
| Cell Phone:                                      |            | Receive Texts/Slack: Y / N |
| Email:   |            |                            |
| Parent/Guardian #2 Information                   |            |                            |
| First Name:                                      | Last Name: |                            |
| Address:   |            |                            |
| City:  | State:     | Zip:                       |
|  |            | Home Phone:                |
| Cell Phone:                                      |            | Receive Texts/Slack: Y / N |
| Email:   |            |                            |

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| <b>Student Questions</b>   |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <i>FIRST</i> and/or Robotics Experience (jrFLL, FLL, FTC, FRC) (What teams? Tell us about it.):                                |  |  |
| Experience (check all that apply):   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programming (Java, C#, etc)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical (wiring, circuits) | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Writing   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAD   | <input type="checkbox"/> Website development           | <input type="checkbox"/> Videography         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Metal working   | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism/Blogging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                        |  |
| Howdy Bots Team Interests (check at least two):  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical (Build Teams)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CAD   | <input type="checkbox"/> Business                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Videography         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical  | <input type="checkbox"/> Drive Team                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Scouting            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programming   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                        |  |
| <b>Other Commitments</b>   |  |  |
| Please list other activities you are involved with throughout the year (jobs, sports, classes, math team, science team, etc.): |  |  |
| Activity Name  | Time of year   | # hours/week                                 |
|  |  |  |
| Are there any specific dates during the 6 week build season that you will not be available? (1/6 to ~2/20):                    |  |  |
|  |  |  |

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## Short Answers

Please take time to consider your answers for each of the following questions. There are no right or wrong answers, your answers will assist in selection and placement on the robotics team. Feel free to attach additional paper or type your responses if easier.

Why do you want to join this team?

What qualities/experiences do you have that would make you a significant contributor to our team?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

Are you able to commit to a very heavy schedule as outlined in the handbook during the build season? Are you able to commit to this schedule and keep your other outside commitments up? If not, please explain the circumstances.

Do you have any other additional thoughts you would like to share with us?

I agree that the information that I provided is true and correct to my ability.  
Please sign and return to Howdy Bots for inclusion in our files.

Student Name:

Student Signature:

Date:

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## Parent Questions

Many of our competitions will require travel, will your student be able to attend these events?

The questions below have no bearing on admissions and are for informational purposes only:

How would you describe the educational philosophy your family follows?

From time-to-time the team needs additional adult for supervision and/or travel chaperones. What level of involvement are you interested in?

Do you have any other additional thoughts you would like to share with us?

I agree that the information that I provided is true and correct to my ability.  
Please sign and return to Howdy Bots for inclusion in our files.

Parent Name:

Parent Signature:

Date:

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Age \_\_\_\_\_  
Last name, First name

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK – WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**  
ATX Robotics, Inc.

**Please read carefully! This is a legal document that affects your legal rights!**

For purposes of this agreement **ATXR** refers to ATX Robotics, Inc. and its board, officers, directors, employees, agents and assigns, and **Participant** refers to the individual participating in events with **ATXR** and to Participant's parent or guardian if Participant is less than 18 years of age.

ATXR is a nonprofit organization formed to allow participants to design and build robots, and to compete with robots in local, state, and national competitions.

Participant named above desires to take part in activities with ATXR.

In consideration of the acceptance of his/her participation with ATXR, Participant (and Participant's parent or guardian if applicable) states and agrees to the following:

- **ASSUMPTION OF RISK:** I understand that activities performed with ATXR may be hazardous. I recognizes that the following activities, all of which may be performed with ATXR, can cause serious bodily injury:
  - Construction and operation of robots;
  - Use of power tools;
  - Use of high voltage machinery;
  - Use of heavy and/or sharp objects;

**I assume the risks of injury (including, without limitation, death) of these activities and any other activities Participant may perform with ATXR.**

- **MEDICAL TREATMENT:** In the event I should sustain injuries or illness while participating with ATXR, I hereby authorize ATXR to administer, or cause to be administered such first aid or other treatment and medications as necessary under the circumstances. **I releases and forever discharge ATXR from any claim whatsoever which arises or may hereafter arise on account of any first aid, treatment, or service rendered in connection with Participant's activities with ATXR.**
- **RELEASE AND WAIVER:** I release and forever discharge and hold harmless ATXR and its successors and assigns from any and all liability or claims that I may have against ATXR with respect to any bodily injury, personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may result from Participant's activities with ATXR. **I understand and acknowledge that the claims being released include, without limitation, claims based on or in any way related to the negligence of ATXR and, if allowed under applicable law, the gross negligence of ATXR.** I also understands that ATXR does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial assistance or other assistance, including but not limited to medical, health, or disability insurance in the event of injury or illness.
- **INDEMNIFICATION:** I agree to protect, defend, indemnify and hold harmless **ATXR** from any and all liability, claims, lawsuits, damages, or liability of any character, type, or description, including negligence, gross negligence, and/or strict liability, arising out of Participant's activities with ATXR.

Participant expressly agrees and intends this agreement to be as broad and as inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Texas. Further, Participant agrees that this agreement shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

If any one or more of the provisions contained in this agreement are held to be invalid, the Participant agree that the invalidity of such clause or provision shall not otherwise affect the remaining provisions of this agreement.

**Participant**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

*AND (if Participant under 18)*

**Parent or Legal Guardian of Participant**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Suite/Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# HOWDY BOTS TOOL-USE SAFETY CONTRACT

## Howdy Bots Tool Safety Contract

Student Members will be completely responsible for the construction of a robot. This building process will require the use of both manual and power tools. ALL tools have inherent dangers and can cause injury to the user as well as persons in the immediate area.

### I Recognize that:

- Safety is ultimately the responsibility of the person using the tool.
- It is possible for accidents to occur even when everyone involved is following safety guidelines. The likelihood of accidents and injuries increases if I do not follow all safety guidelines.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, recognize that the robotics construction area is a safe place in which to work and learn if I conduct myself in a responsible manner. I have read through the safety rules in the Handbook and this form with my parent/guardian and agree with all the statements on this form. I agree to assume responsibility for my own safety and work diligently to make the work area a safe place for others. I agree to abide by the safety rules and any additional instructions, written or verbal, provided by a coach, mentor, or Howdy Bots approved staff.

Student Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian Permission

I have read through the safety rules in the Handbook and all the statements on this form with my child. I believe that my child understands his/her responsibility with regard to safety in the construction area. I believe that my child is able to act responsibly in the construction area. I authorize my child to undergo safety training for the power tools. After my child has received the safety training, I authorize my child to use the tools and be in the immediate area while other students are using power tools.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## MEDIA RELEASE

Every year, the Howdy Bots, as part of ATX Robotics, uses photographs and videos of our team members for a variety of projects and media. These images may be used in educational and documentary materials such as Public Service Announcements, Grant Applications, Video Documentaries and both printed and online newsletters. This includes use on social media networks such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

I hereby grant permission to ATX Robotics, its agents, and its employees to:

- Photograph, video, and/or make audio recordings of me;
- Use my image, likeness, and voice for all program promotion, materials, and any other purposes in connection with ATX Robotics activities;
- Reproduce and/or publish any photographs, video, and/or audio recordings of me for any purpose in connection with ATX Robotics activities;

Further, I hereby grant ATX Robotics, its agents, and its employees a perpetual, non-exclusive, royalty-free right and license to use or publish such photographs, video, and/or audio recordings of me for any purpose in connection with ATX Robotics activities.

And I agree to release and forever discharge ATX Robotics, its agents, and its employees from any and all claims in law or equity that I, my heirs, or personal representatives have or shall have arising out of such photographs, video, and/or audio recordings of me.

I acknowledge that by signing this form I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from the use of my photograph or video, and if signing on behalf of a minor, I waive all such rights of the minor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

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## TRAVEL RELEASE

As part of our activities, the Howdy Bots must travel around town and to out-of-town events. In addition to attending out-of-town competitions, trips may include running errands (buying parts, tools and materials), visiting other local teams, attending outreach events and meetings with sponsoring businesses.

I understand that private drivers, which may include a coach, mentor or the parent of another student may be used to transport students to and from activities. The owner of the vehicle must carry bodily injury insurance. The ATX Robotics insurance does not cover damages arising from, or related to, the operation of any private vehicle, failure to follow the directed driving route, or any personal negligence related to this activity.

I agree to release the ATX Robotics, Howdy Bots and its mentors and coaches from all liability with reference to the above stated transportation.

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Student Name

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Date

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Name

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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## MEDICAL RELEASE

*This information will remain confidential.  
Only the Head Coach, Assistant Coach and Team Admin will have access.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_/\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Existing Medical Coverage: \_\_\_\_\_ Plan #: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the Howdy Bots, its coaches and mentors, to procure and consent to any medical emergency treatment, including hospital care, to be rendered to my child by or under the supervision of a licensed health care provider. The parent/legal guardian is responsible for any fees or costs. My signature below represents consent and agreement to the matters stated above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature