



**DARPA Robotics Challenge (DRC) Finals
Media Coverage Details
June 5-7, 2015**

Thank you for your interest in attending and/or covering the DARPA Robotics Challenge (DRC) Finals demonstration event and workshop. The following is an overview of the information you will need for covering the event.

Where: The Fairplex Fairground, Pomona, California

When:

- Media Preview:** Thursday, June 4, 6:00pm PDT
- Demonstrations and Expo:** Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, 8am-6:00pm PDT*
 - Opening Ceremony: Friday, June 5, 7:00am
 - Closing Ceremony: Saturday, June 6, 7:00pm*
- DRC Workshop:** Sunday, June 7, 9:30am-3:30pm PDT*

**Times are subject to change; download the DRC Mobile App in iTunes or Google on June 4th for up-to-date information*

**DRC Demonstration
Event:**

24 teams and their robots will attempt to complete one of four simulated disaster courses featuring 8 tasks on the track area in front of the Fairplex Grandstands. The robots will be running simultaneously on the four courses, and will each have one 60-minute attempt each day to complete the tasks in order to score points.

In addition to the competition, DARPA will be hosting a robotics exposition (Expo) on June 5-6. This large, outdoor space will feature interactive demonstrations by approximately 70 robotics organizations, first responder teams, and unmanned systems. It will also include an overview exhibit describing DARPA's mission and legacy.

Details about the DARPA Robotics Challenge can be found at www.theroboticschallenge.org.

DRC Workshop: On June 7, DARPA is hosting a day of presentations by the winning teams, discussions about robotics and presentations by DARPA officials, industry leaders, and the 5 winners of the [Robots4Us student video contest](#). The intent for this day is for the teams to share how they pulled off their victories, DARPA staff to place the challenge in context, industry to share perspectives on how robots might be used in the future, and the students to share their visions of what roles robots might play in future society. The day is open to teams, media, and invited guests and is not open to the public. Registration for this event is separate from Media Registration.

Registration: Media pre-registration is [now closed](#). Hours for onsite registration are as follows:

Thursday, June 4, 2015

5PM to 5:45 PM at the Fairplex (Grandstands – outside Club 1)

Friday, June 5, 2015

6AM to 5 PM at the Fairplex (Grandstands – outside Club 1)

Saturday, June 6, 2015

6 AM to 5 PM at the Fairplex (Grandstands – outside Club 1)

Sunday, June 7, 2015

9:00am to 3:00pm at the Sheraton Conference Center

**Event Viewing/
Coverage:**

There will be a number of designated media viewing spots around the Grandstand and access locations near the robot demonstration courses so you will be assured a variety of unobstructed views. In addition, we have a number of spaces reserved for satellite trucks within 100 yards of the robot courses.

Media Room:

A staffed and air conditioned media work room in the Grandstand with areas will be available to you during the hours of the event to conduct interviews. There will also be Wi-Fi made available to you to file your stories. ***(Please note: All other Wi-Fi and hotspots at the event are not allowed)***

Interviews:

We will provide opportunities and quiet space (if needed) to interview DARPA and distinguished visitors during the hours of the event. Also, by checking into the media room (or by contacting outreach@darpa.mil), we can schedule in-person interviews as time allows with DARPA officials and special guests. (Additional details about interview avails and distinguished visitors will be available closer to the event).

Interviews or passes to see teams in their work area should be scheduled with team [Public Affairs contacts](#).

Wireless Requirements: In order to avoid interference with the robot demonstrations, DARPA needs to know about any radio frequency devices that you need to use to cover the event. Information DARPA requires in advance includes the type of device, frequency under which it operates, and RF output power. Details about the wireless requirements can be found [here](#) and on the media registration page.

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Can't Attend the DRC Finals? No Problem

If you can't attend the event in-person, we will have announcements, b-roll and images available updated daily on www.theroboticschallenge.org website as well as following the event on our special DRC mobile app (available in May 2015). The demonstration event will also be streamed live through the DRC website. In addition, call-in information will be made available for daily media briefings.

You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook by monitoring #DARPADRC. Register to get updates at:

<http://www.theroboticschallenge.org/media>

Traveling to Pomona, California**Travel/Hotel
Information:**

Greater Ontario sits in the heart of Southern California, conveniently accessible via the Ontario International Airport or a 45 minute drive from the Los Angeles World Airports. Most of the hotel options in Ontario are just 12–15 minutes from Fairplex, California where the DRC Finals will take place.

For room recommendations, please contact: Fred Kokash, 909-868-5954, fred.kokash@sheraton.com . Mr. Kokash can provide assistance in finding the ideal hotel in the area for your need and budget.

Food: There will be onsite concessions available onsite during the DRC Finals event.

DRC Finals Schedule*

The current schedule of events is below. (*Please note that this schedule is liable to change. The DRC Mobile App)

Thursday, June 4 (Media Preview)

6:00pm	Media Briefing at Fairplex (Avalon building)
6:45pm	Tour of facility, task areas and media room

Friday, June 5 (Competition Day 1)

7:00-7:30am	Opening Ceremony
8:00am-6:00pm	DRC Competition
9:00am-6:00pm	Expo
6:00pm	Evening media briefs by DARPA robotics experts

Saturday, June 6 (Competition Day 2)

8:00am-5:00pm	DRC Competition
9:00am-6:00pm	Expo
7:00pm	Prize presentation to the top three teams
7:30pm	Evening media brief

Sunday, June 7 (DARPA Robotics Challenge: From Better Robots to Better Futures)

8:00-9:30am	Registration opens / Coffee provided
9:30-9:45am	Opening remarks
9:45-10:30am	International Remarks
10:30-noon	Team talk and Q&A with top three teams Noon
Lunch buffet opens	
12:45-1:30pm	Student videos and panel conversation
2:00-3:00pm	Future Technology presentations by invited industry leaders
3:00-3:15pm	Closing Remarks

For complete Agenda, click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at outreach@darpa.mil.