

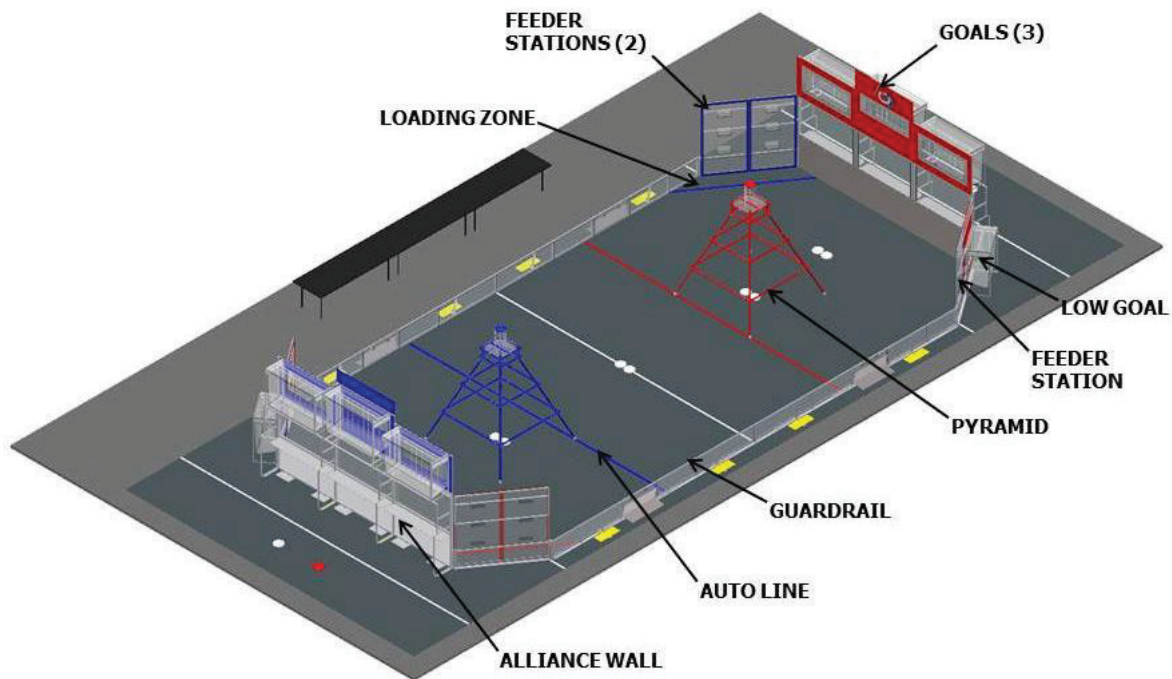


Press Release
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Truck Town Thunder 2013 Challenge Announced

Ortonville, Michigan, January 7, 2013 – On Saturday, January 5, the Truck Town Thunder Robotics, FIRST Team 68, community converged on the Brandon I-TEC Center to hear the international announcement of the 2013 game, ULTIMATE ASCENT via live NASA-TV broadcast and webcast. ULTIMATE ASCENT is played between two Alliances of three teams each. Each Alliance competes by trying to score as many flying discs into their goals as possible during the two-minute and 15-second match. Discs scored in higher goals score Alliances more points. Matches end with robots attempting to climb up pyramids located near the middle of the field.



Ultimate Ascent Field



Ultimate Ascent Disc

This will be the 15 year anniversary of Truck Town Thunder and they are really looking forward to a successful season. The team consists of 27 Brandon and Holly High School students as well as approximately 25-30 adult mentors, parents and teachers from the community. The team will have the next 6 weeks to strategize, design and build to play Ultimate Ascent. The team will be competing March 1st and 2nd at the Kettering FIRST District Competition (Kettering University, Flint) as well as March 22nd and 23rd at the West Michigan FIRST District Competition (Grand Valley State University, Allendale). Upon qualification, the team will then compete at Michigan State Championship, April 11th through 13th located at the Eastern Michigan Convocation Center in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The ultimate goal is to attend the FIRST Championship in St. Louis, Missouri, from April 25th – 27th. For more information about the team visit <http://trucktownthunder.com/>