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Dear *FIRST* Robotics Competition Teams,

We want to share the hugely disappointing news, out of an abundance of caution, and with the health and safety of our community in mind.

The SBPLI board has assessed its current situation regarding COVID-19. As a result of the evolving situation, out of concern for the health of students and volunteers, and due to the number of schools who have chosen to not participate in this year's competition we have decided to postpone the SBPLI Regional #1 and #2, scheduled for March 23 - 28. Our host, Hofstra University, has been informed of this decision and we look forward to working together in the future.

We recognize that teams have put an enormous amount of work into preparing for this event and we regret having to share such disappointing news. *FIRST* team support can help your team identify alternative events and can be reached at [customerservice@firstinspires.org](mailto:customerservice@firstinspires.org).

This is a rapidly evolving situation and we are all doing our best to make decisions that are in everyone's best interest, both on and off the field of play. We will share information with you as it is shared with us. We are closely monitoring CDC recommendations as well as New York State and Long Island regulatory agencies' recommendation limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

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