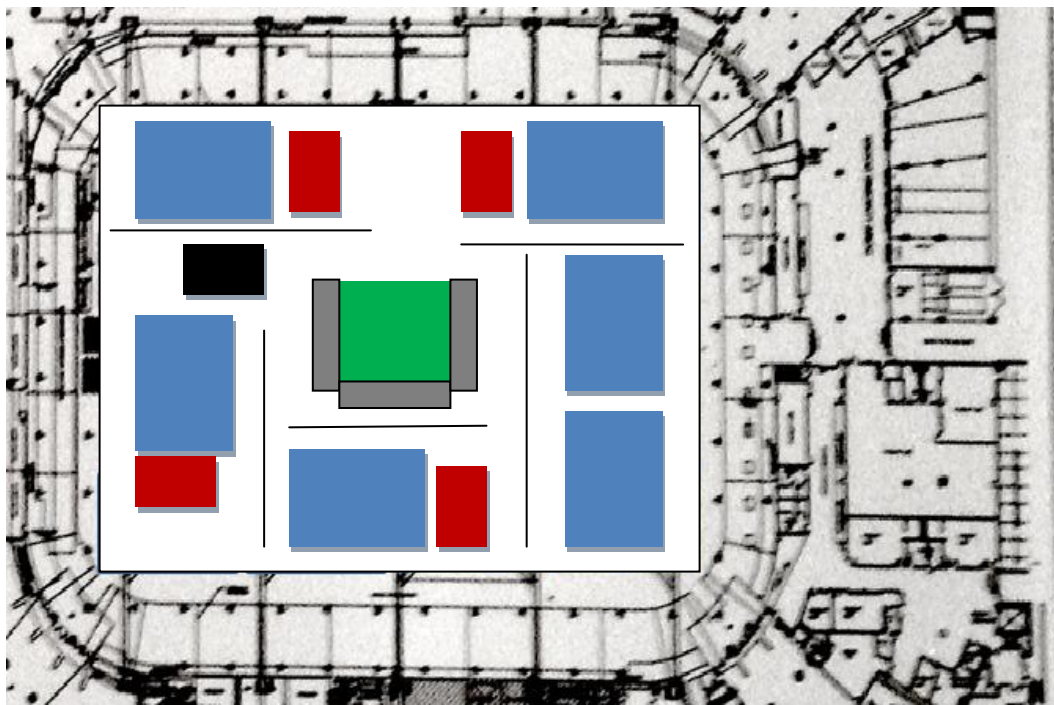


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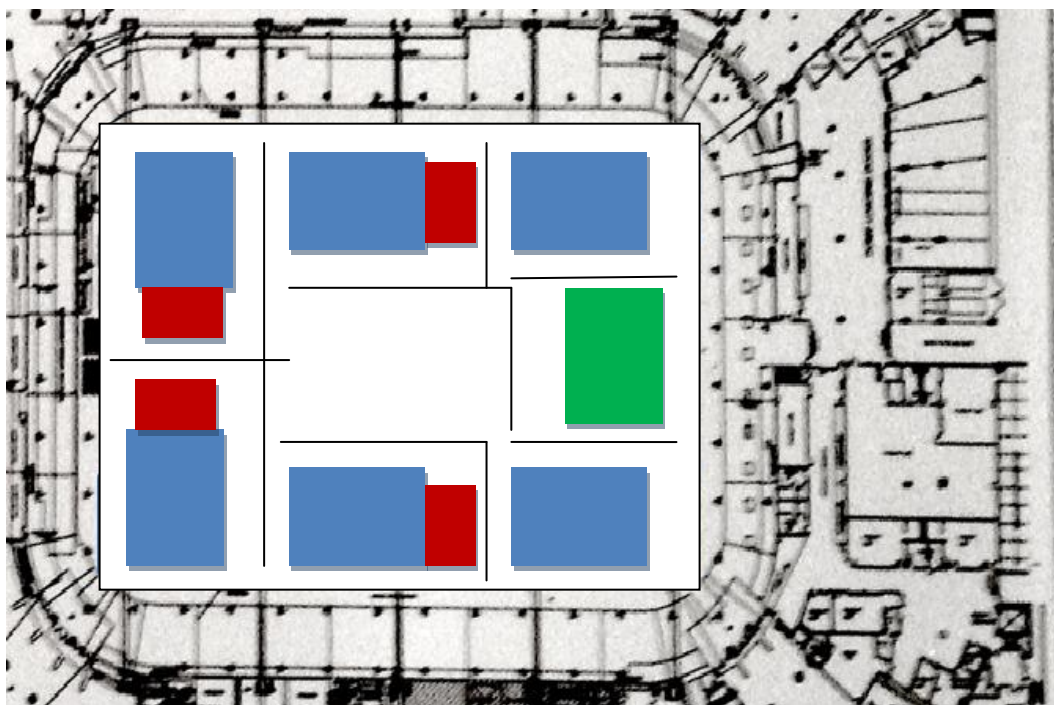
6 FRC Divisions, 4 FTC Divisions. Pair up FRC divisions with FTC Divisions (FTC divisions have multiple fields). The FRC and FTC fields would play a round-robin style. As the FRC field is resetting the match, the FTC field is playing one, and vice versa. In this case, two FRC fields are not paired up with an FTC division. They would simply play round-robin with each other. FLL tables are in the center of the dome, with grandstands built around them, and a walkway from the main stands at the top of the picture into the center will be placed. There are already ways to put stairways or ramps onto the field level from the stands (it is done in many places on the dome floor already). I would not, however, use the type of grandstand seating they used in 2011 for FRC fields in the convention center. Those were dangerous, cramped, and just a huge problem in general. I have seen many venues with better "temporary" grandstand seating arrangements. I also understand that there is no room in this case for a dedicated Einstein field. There are many options to overcome this, but the option displayed is using an already-existing FRC area for Einstein.

Color Key: Black=stage/curtains. Blue = FRC field. Red = FTC division (multiple fields). Green = FLL setup with grandstands erected. Grey = FLL grandstands.



Cons: No dedicated FRC Einstein field. I can see the issue with not having a brand-new field and using one of the existing division fields for Einstein. Not the least of which is the "home field advantage" and Saturday seating issues. I do believe that with some planning and creativity, though, these could be solved. Also, having two FRC fields playing round-robin with each other might get messy.

Pros: FLL gets more intimate seating and better vantage points for the spectators.

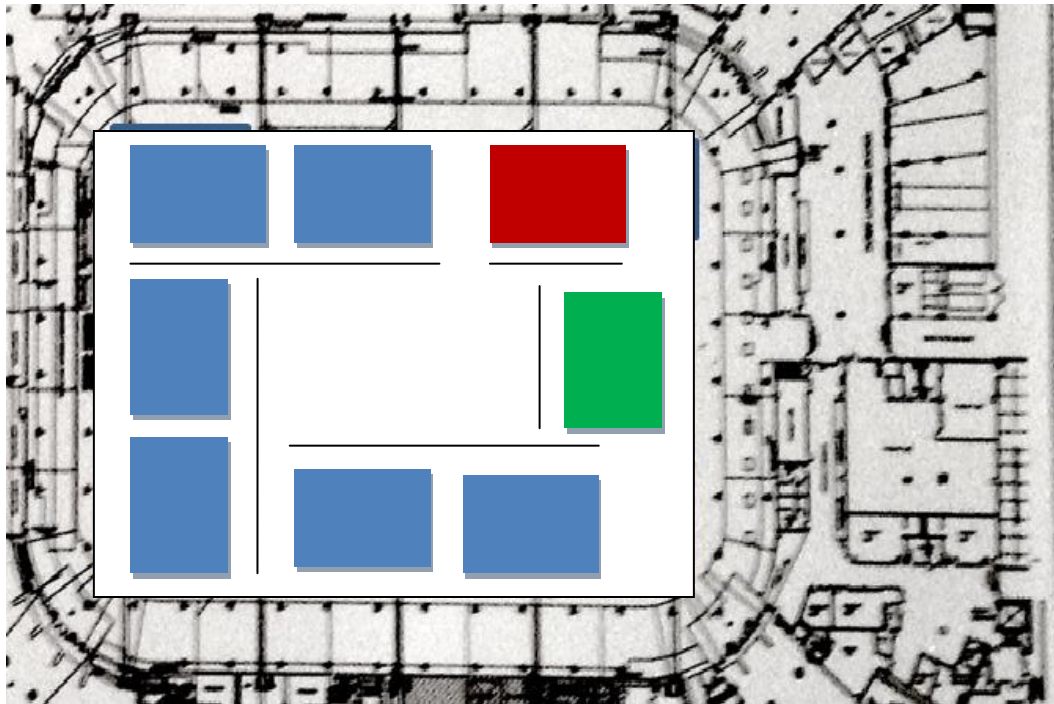


OPTION 2:

Six FRC divisions. 4 FTC Divisions. One dedicated FLL/Einstein area. Again with the red-robin FRC/FTC playing, but this time, there are two divisions that do not have to play round-robin with anyone. Another alternative is to have those divisions not paired with FTC to be paired with FLL (split the green box in two and place them adjacent to the two stand-alone FRC fields. Einstein play would continue as normal, but in the case of the alternative solution I outlined, Einstein field would not be used for FLL, but rather, just stand-alone through the event.

Cons: Two FRC fields that might move faster than the other 4 due to not having to play in rotation with FTC. This is where splitting FLL and placing them with these two FRC fields similar to the manner in which the FTC fields are comes in. We would have to make sure, however, that FLL teams do not have to play on multiple sides of the stadium, as spectator seating, among other issues, will most definitely arise.

Pros: Dedicated Einstein field/stage area. FTC/FRC interaction promoted. Six FRC divisions.



OPTION 3

6 FRC divisions. 3 pairs of two FRC divisions will play round-robin with each other, as outlined in option 1 (only with two FRC fields, not FRC and FTC). The reasoning for this is coordination between the fields directly adjacent to each other as to minimize noise distractions and interference.

Cons: FTC and FLL are segregated as they are now. One of the complaints that I have heard in the past is that FLL and FTC are not given as much limelight and attention as the other two levels, so the way to combat that in options 1 and 2 was to pair them up with each other, giving each equal attention (only in option 1 and the first possibility of option 2, FLL is still separated). Same complaints from FLL about their seating and vantage points and segregation will continue.

Pros: Six FRC fields, alleviating some of the stress (as all examples do). Dedicated Einstein/FLL fields. Promotes interaction between FRC divisions, as FTC divisions have currently.