Regionals vs. Districts

	Regionals	Districts
Regional Director	Paid by FIRST	Development Role Paid by District (MAR is ~$65,000)
Field Perimeter and Carpet	Owned by FIRST	Owned by District
Field Transportation	Done by FIRST	Done by District
Event Locations	(Usually) Colleges, Convention Centers, etc	(Usually) High School Gyms
Volunteers	Local Event Support/ Representatives	Local Event Support/ Representatives, Event Hosting Team, District Management Volunteers (Volunteers often do 2-3 events/year)
Organization	501c3 Optional	501c3 Required
Event Ambiance	Pipe-And-Drape, Arena Lights Off, Sometimes Special Lighting	Arena Lights (usually) On
Event Cost	$125,000-$150,000	Districts $15,000-$30,000; District Championship (DCMP) ~$60,000-$100,000
Event Timeline	Wednesday Night - Saturday	Thursday Night – Saturday or Friday Night – Sunday
Number of Events	One per 40-60 teams	One per 20 teams + District Championship
Number of Teams at Events	35-70	28-40
Team Event Fees	$5000 for Event #1; $4000 for each additional event	$5000 for first 2 Districts ~$1000 for each extra District $4000 for DCMP
"Region Identity"	Focused around major urban centers	Focused around district boundaries
Number of Qualification Matches	8-12/event	12/event
Team Unbag Time	No Unbag Time	6 Hours Unbag Time/Event
Practice Time at Event	6 Hours Practice Time	4-6 Hours Practice Time
Team Event Registration	1 Event Guaranteed	2 Events Guaranteed (and both are likely local)
Championship Qualification	7/event (Rookie All Star, Winning Alliance, Chairman's, Engineering Inspiration, Wildcard)	Based on constant proportion of district (roughly 18-20%), automatic qualification via awards first and then remaining slots are allocated via district points system