2025 WERC IEEE Conference Publication Timeline

1. March 31: Technical Report due. The team writes the technical report, as required at the contest.

2. April 1-9: Judge Report scoring and publication assessment. Judges recommend a subset of all technical reports to be considered for publication.

3. April 22: Invitation to submit IEEE Paper. Papers that are recommended for consideration will be invited to submit the IEEE-formatted version of their paper.

4. May 5: IEEE-Formatted Paper Submission Date. Teams whose papers are under consideration submit a 12-page condensed version of their technical report (see Paper Requirements, below). The paper must include revisions reflecting what was learned from the judges during the contest.

5. May 5 - 11: Paper Review. The updated papers undergo a new review process, including review/revisions/final review. Teams will likely be sent a list of requested revisions.

6. May 12: Teams sent paper revision requests.

7. **May 19: Teams submit revised papers, according to reviews.**

7. May 23: Notification of Paper Acceptance, request for Copyright Transfer and PDF Paper Submission. WERC notifies teams whose papers were (and were not) accepted during the second review process. Teams are sent instructions for copyright transfer and the use of IEEEs PDF eXpress to generate the final PDF of their paper.

8. May 27: Teams fulfill remaining IEEE requirements. Team leader will transfer copyright; WERC will clear each paper via the IEEE Plagiarism Checker; Teams will upload IEEE-approved PDFs of their paper, generated by IEEE's PDF eXpress.

9. June 13: Papers Published. Accepted papers will be submitted for inclusion into IEEE *Xplore* subject to meeting IEEE *Xplore*'s scope and quality requirements.