FRC 2021-22 Team Briefing

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FRC Season 2021-2022

• Upcoming Calendar of important deadlines
• District status update
• Kickoff this season
• Current COVID restrictions
• Exciting news
2021/22 FRC Deadlines and important dates

• Wk Nov 22: Invoices sent out
• Dec 16: Dec Coaches Chat
• Jan 8: Kickoff
Updated Status of the FRC District

• We now expect to have 122 teams this year
• We added 1 District Event at Sammamish HS which brings our events to 9
• District Championship will be at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA April 6th – 9th, 2022
• There will be **ONE** Championship in Houston this season April 13-16
# 2022 PNW FRC Event Calendar

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We need teams at West Valley!

- West Valley only has 16 teams
- Many teams currently aren’t allowed to travel
- **If** you choose West Valley as a 3rd play, we will cover the registration
- **If** you choose West Valley as your second play, you can get more points because it is a small event
  - You have a greater chance of making it to District Championships
Plan for FRC events

- Our plan is to hold FRC events as normal this season
- *Participants, Spectators and Volunteers may be limited*
- *Rumor regarding one day events*
  - *At this moment, we do not plan to hold one day events*
  - *Depending on event size, the event could be converted to a one day events*
  - *IF COVID conditions dictate, we can split one 2 day event into 2 one day events*
  - *We will assess in Jan/early Feb but are planning to proceed with events as normal at this time*
Kickoff will look different this year

- Official FIRST kickoff locations **may only distribute kickoff kits this year**
- Kickoffs should email attendees with their plan
- We encourage teams to invite their neighbors and become an unofficial “Satellite” kickoff
  - If you are a host, let me know what teams will be attending at your school
  - Depending on the Kit Distribution site, the satellite host **MAY** be able to pick kits up the Friday before kickoff (for any team that has filled out a surrogate form)
- **If you chose to be a My Site again this season and have your kit shipped to you at no cost**
  - *Your kit will arrive 1-2+ weeks after kickoff*
2022 PNW FRC Kickoff Locations

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Our highest goal this season is to provide a safe & healthy environment for all our participants without impacting the quality of our events. We will work throughout the season to streamline our processes and provide safe, high-quality events for our students.

Keep an eye out for further updates via email and the COVID Updates page on FIRST Washington website
https://firstwa.org/current-updates/
COVID Safety - At a high level

To ensure safety, FIRST Washington will implement the following requirements for all in-person events during the 2021-2022 season:

• All event volunteers (which includes mentors) are required to be vaccinated.
• Participants need to show either proof of vaccination or negative COVID test — We trust coaches to test students/adult chaperones prior to showing up
• Spectators (if allowed, that is up to the venue) 12 and over need to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test at the door (Negative PCR test within 5 days or negative rapid test)
• Masks are required for All participants
• Teams will be required to turn in their roster at the first event and every event (this is our contact tracing method for students and mentors and a FIRST rule)
• Spectators will need to give contact tracing info at the door.
COVID Safety – What we need from all of you

• Pack your patience and Gracious Professionalism. This is new to all of us, your first league event will be the first time we have tried all of this.
• Volunteers will be checking Vaccination/Negative COVID Status so please treat them respectfully. If you have a concern, contact me but don't yell at them, they have a tough job.
• Volunteers will be policing masks so again, treat them kindly and with respect (and ask your participants & spectators to do the same)

I know this is all inconvenient but focus on the positive, most of our students are able to attend in person events and connect with students from teams around them which is SO important!
Who Does This Impact-

Volunteers, Coaches, Team Mentors, Student Participants & Spectators. We all must do our part to ensure our students, staff, volunteers and community members can attend our events safely.

The responsibility of enforcing these safety standards will rest primarily with coaches, check-in volunteers & volunteer Event Hosts. Your Gracious Professionalism in adhering to these simple rules is appreciated by our entire community!

You can view our COVID Policy here:  https://firstwa.org/covid-updates/

We have remote opportunities available for those who are unable to be vaccinated. Please feel free email marak@firstwa.org to reach out about these opportunities!
FIRSTWa has a new home!

We have a new space in Kent not far from our old space.
Have your students & parents join our mailing list

• To keep updated as to what is happening in the PNW FRC World
• So you don’t have to remember to relay important information!
• The information is more community based (social events, workshops, outreach opportunities, scholarship opportunities, internship opportunities)

firstwa.org/students to sign up
General Questions are now welcome

• Ask us anything you need help with!