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FRC 2023-23 Team Briefing



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FRC Season 2023-2024

- Upcoming Calendar of important deadlines
- Upcoming Calendar of Workshops and Events
- District status update
- Participation Fees

2023 FRC Deadlines and important dates

- 9-21-23 9:00 am First FRC event preference system opens
- 9-21-23 9:00 am Kickoff Registration Opens
- 9-28-23 9:00 am First Preference system closes
- 9-29-23 5:00 pm OSPI iGrant for FRC teams due (WA public & compact tribal schools)
- 9-30-23 5:00 pm *FIRST* Washington Registration deadline to be considered for a grant
- 10-5-23 9:00 am Second FRC Event Preference Window Opens
- 10-12-23 9:00 am Second FRC Event Preference Window Closes
- 10-19-23 9:00 am Drive Base and black tote opt out closes
- 10-26-23 9:00 am District 3rd play and unrestricted Regional registration opens
- 11-9-23 9:00 am Inter-district registration opens
- 11-13-23 9:00 am All event registration closes
- Wk Nov 13: Invoices sent out to the contact listed on the FIRSTWA registration form.
- 12-8-23 FRC Invoices Secured

2023 FRC Calendar of Workshops

- Watch your future PNW FRC email blasts for details
- FRC Coaches Chats (3rd Thursday of the Month)
 - Oct 19
 - Nov 16
 - Dec 14
- Workshops
 - FIRST Fair September 23rd, Portland State University, OR
 - November 18, FRC Workshops hosted by 2557 SOTAbots

2023 FRC FRC Workshops – hosted by 2557 SOTAbots

Location : Science and Math Institute Environmental Learning Center, Point Defiance Zoo, Tacoma

Date: November 18, 2023

Time: 9:00 - 3:30

Lunch: \$5 - sign up onsite

Call for Presenters :

- It is always great to see new faces presenting on topics of interest to all.
- Please send your presentation Title, a short description and time needed (1 or 2 hours) to the following email sotabots@gmail.com
- Please have your proposals in by October 31 at the latest.

Off Season Events

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| 10-7/8-23 | OR Girls Gen & FIRST Chance by FRC 1425
Wilsonville HS, in Wilsonville, OR |
| 10-14/15-23 | Bordie Charged by FRC 2412
Sammamish HS in Bellevue, WA |
| 10-21/22-23 | WA Girls Gen by FRC 2046
Tahoma HS, in Maple Valley, WA |
| 10-28/29-23 | Block Party by FRC 2910
Henry Jackson HS, in Everett, WA |
| 12-16-23 | BunnyBots 2022 by FRC 1540
Catlin Gabel School, Portland, OR |

Pro Tips for Preferencing

- **You MUST have two adult mentors pass the YPP program BEFORE you will be allowed to register for your first event.**
- Do this NOW!
- DO NOT change mentors between your first and second registration or they may not get through the YPP process.
- If you need to change mentors, wait until after you register for your 2nd event.

Event Registration

- Starting September 21, you will have one week to enter your ranked event preferences for your **first** event
 - Assignments are done by lottery
 - It gives you no advantage to enter your event preferences early. Relax! All entries before 9 am 9-28-22 will have the same chance.
- If you select your home event, you will be given that preference (no need to select any additional events)
- If you select an event other than your home event, you will be subject to the outcome of the lottery.
- Remember, you are only guaranteed your home event during your first registration window. If you don't choose it at that time, it opens up to anyone else who did and there may not be room in that event come second registration.

Event Registration continued...

- If you pick an event other than your home event, there is a VERY good chance you will initially end up on the waitlist initially (on Friday, Sept 29).
- FIRST Staff will work to move everyone off the waitlist by the end of the day on Monday.
- I will reach out to teams still on the waitlist after FIRST HQ has made all of their adjustments
- Please do not reach out to me before Tuesday morning (Oct 3) if you end up on a wait list. I will be working with FIRST to get everyone moved off and will not respond to emails asking about waitlist status until after that is finished

Status of the FRC District

- We expect to have 125 teams this year (hopefully more!)
 - We have 7 confirmed rookies and 1 potential rookie
 - We have 2 PNW teams that may be splitting and forming a second team
- We are holding 8 district events
- District Championship will be at Veterans Memorial Center in Portland, OR April 3rd – 6th, 2024
 - See, I told you we would be back at Veterans Memorial ;-)

2024 PNW FRC Kickoff Locations

Venue	Where
Auburn High School	Auburn, WA
Everett High School	Everett, WA
Oregon State University	Corvallis, OR
Skyview High School	Vancouver, WA
Wapato High School	Wapato, WA
West Valley HS	Spokane Valley, WA

Kickoff Location Selection opens on September 21, 2023

2023 PNW FRC Event Calendar

Venue	Where	When	Week
Clackamas Academy (CAS)	Oregon City, OR USA	Feb 29- Mar 3, 2023	1
Glacier Peak High School (GPK)	Snohomish, WA USA	Mar 1-3, 2023	1
Oregon State Fairgrounds (OSF)	Salem, OR USA	Mar 7-9, 2023	2
Auburn High School (AHS)	Auburn, WA USA	Mar 8-10, 2023	2
SunDome (SUN)	Yakima, WA USA	Mar 14-16, 2023	3
Bonney Lake High School (BLK)	Bonney Lake, WA USA	Mar 15-17, 2023	3
Wilsonville High School (WVY)	Wilsonville, OR USA	Mar 21-23, 2023	4
Sammamish High School (SAM)	Bellevue, WA USA	Mar 22-24, 2023	4
PNW District Championships	Portland, OR USA	Apr 3-6, 2023	6

About Third Plays

- Third plays cost \$1,000 and do not count for points
 - You can still win awards at third plays, but no points
 - There may not be many 3rd play options this year
 - Registration opens 10-26-23
- You have the option of doing a third play in another district
 - Registration opens 11-7-23
 - These are assigned last after all inner district plays have been assigned
 - Inter-district plays do not qualify for any awards or points
 - Inter-district play does not affect the chronological order of your events
- You have the option of doing a third play at a Regional Event
 - Registration opens 10-26-23
 - You will pay the full cost of an additional Regional (\$4000)
 - Regional play does not qualify for points
 - You can receive SOME awards at a Regional
 - You may not qualify for Championships in Houston from a Regional Event **New last year
- Teams will receive a separate invoice for third play, regional, and inter-district play from *FIRST* Washington.

PNW District participation fees

- The participation fee this year is \$13,000
 - **DON'T PANIC! Breathe.... Ahhhh.....**
- *FIRST* Washington and ORTOP are fundraising on your behalf right now! We have raised much of the difference already
- There is a grant system in place for ALL PNW district teams
 - You **MUST** fill out the *PNW* Registration form and check the box that you would like to be considered for a grant.
 - You **MUST** fill out the registration form by September 30 (**yes that is next week**) to be considered for a grant

Following Donor Intent

- We work very hard in raising unrestricted funds so we can allocate to teams in need.
- However, many donors do request that their donations are allocated to specific circumstances.
- Team invoices will be different due to honoring donor intent

General Questions are now welcome

- Ask us anything you need help with!



OSPI Kickoff Meeting

September 12, 2023 7:00 PM

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What has changed and Why?

WHY?

These Changes should make the grant submission and fund allocation process run more smoothly and quickly!

MANAGEMENT

FIRST Washington is now the administrator of the OSPI grant funds

FIRST Washington will be managing the application process

**The application is very different from the one in the iGrant system*

FUNDING

- The grant will no longer be a reimbursable grant
- You will receive the funds from us once you have received your grant award and have entered your registered teams
- If you run multiple teams, you may receive some additional funding

REPORTING

- You will need to submit a year-end report
**Details on this report will be sent out at a later date. We expect the report to open in Jan 2024 and close the end of May 2024*
- This report **MUST** be filled out to be eligible to receive funds next year

What is the process?

Grant forms will be on the OSPI page on <https://firstwa.org/ospi/>

One form per building per program will be accepted

Register your team(s) with *FIRST* Washington

In early October the main contact for the grant will be notified if you have received an award and will be asked to log in and fill out 2 forms with additional information. **Please watch for this email, you will have 7 days to fill out this form.**

Once the forms are filled out, you will be notified of the grant amount you have received, and *FIRST* Washington will mail a check to your school/district

Remember, if you fill out the grant as a coach, it is your responsibility to know District Requirements and where the check goes

Important Dates

GRANT OPENS
Friday, September 15th



GRANT CLOSES
Friday, September 29th

No late applications will be accepted!

OFFICE HOURS

***look for links to these on the firstwa OPSI page*

Wednesday September 20th

2:00pm – 4:00pm
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday September 27th

2:00pm – 4:00pm
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday October 4th

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Who should fill out the grant?

Coaches need to talk with the school district and follow their district policy on who should fill out the grant

- For our purposes, it could be either the coach or an admin at the school

If you are the coach of a school district team, it is your responsibility to check with your school and know who at your district will apply for this grant

What is in it for you?

Increased funding for teams

Easier application process

You receive the funds up front so you can use them right away!

We are here to support you and help you through the process

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