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# FRC 2023-24 Team Briefing



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# FTC Season 2023-2024

- Upcoming Calendar of important deadlines
- Upcoming Calendar of Events
- Participation Fees
- Questions

ASAP      Register with firstinspires & FIRSTWA

9-29:      OSPI Grant Deadline (for Public and Compact Tribal Schools)

9-30:      Deadline to fill out registration to be considered for FIRSTWA grant

10-9 to 10-11:

- Teams placed into leagues
- FTC Invoices go out
  - The invoice will go to the person entered on the FW registration form
  - I will send a team blast when invoices go out

10-21: FTC Invoice Due Date



# You can help us stay on track and on time:

- Fill out the *FIRST* Washington Registration form ASAP so we can see where teams are at: <https://firstwa.org/ftc-registration/>
- Register with *FIRST* HQ (on your firstinspires dashboard) so we can focus on working with our leagues to schedule space & coordinate volunteers rather than trying to get teams to register
  - Communicate with us if you are unable to register with *FIRST* HQ at this time so we can help you
  - Make **sure** you fill out the *FIRST* Washington registration form so we know you plan to participate with us this year.

- FTC Build Day Sunday, October 15: 10 am – 3 pm
  - Our Sr Mentor Eric Stokely will be running this
  - He would love to have some Mentors and veteran teams commit to come and give him some extra help
  - We will have a field on site
  - Please register if you plan to attend:  
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/81d742f2deff4ff78d9750f3b8caa414> We want to be respectful of our volunteers' time. If we do not have enough interest, we will cancel the build day.
- First League Event weekend Nov 3-5
- Second League Event weekend Dec 1-3
- Interleague Championships weekend Jan 13 & 14
- State Championships: Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>



# League Events and Advancement

- Teams will compete in 2 League Events (Nov & Dec)
- Teams will compete in 1 Interleague Event (Jan)
- Those that move on will compete at State (Feb)
  - Advancement 32 teams
  - Numbers from each Interleague will depend on registration numbers.
- Advancement to Houston
  - Advancement TBD, depends on registration (We will have more info in December)



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**FTC**  
**Scrimmage**  
**hosted by**  
**Woodinville**  
**High School**

**OCTOBER 7, 2023**

**WOODINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**CALLING ALL ROOKIES FOR THIS YEAR'S**

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**VELOCITY RAPTORS**

**LEAGUE MEET 0**



**NO PARTICIPATION FEE**  
**LEARN COMPETITION STRUCTURE**  
**MEET AWARD WINNING TEAMS**  
**ATTEND WORKSHOPS**

**ALL TEAMS CAN APPLY BUT ROOKIES GUARANTEED A SPOT**

**CONTACT US AT [VELOCITYRAPTORSFRC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VELOCITYRAPTORSFRC@GMAIL.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION**



# Pro Tips

- **You MUST have two adult mentors pass the YPP program to participate in your events**
- **Do this NOW!**



# FTC participation fees

- The participation fee this year is \$925
  - DON'T PANIC! Breathe.... Ahhhh.....
- *FIRST* Washington is fundraising on your behalf right now! We have raised most of the difference already
- There is a grant system in place for FTC teams
  - You MUST fill out the FIRST Washington Registration form and check the box that you would like to be considered for a grant.
  - To be considered for a grant, you must fill out the FIRST Washington registration by **September 30**



# Funding & Grant opportunities

- OSPI Grant (for Washington Public and Tribal Compact schools): Grant is open **NOW** and will close Sept 29. If you want more info on this grant, we will be talking about it in more detail at the end of this presentation
- FIRST Washington Grant: Grant is open now and will close Sept 30. When you register your FTC team, you can select if you would like access to grant funds to lower your registration fees
- Firstinspires grants: There are lots of grants through firstinspires. To see what grants are available, follow this link:  
<https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/team-grants>



# 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

**FIRST**  
LEGO  
LEAGUE JR.

**FIRST**  
LEGO  
LEAGUE

**FIRST**  
TECH  
CHALLENGE

**FIRST**  
ROBOTICS  
COMPETITION





# 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 fill out a form with additional information. **Please watch for this email, you will have 7 days to fill out this form.**

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



# 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



# 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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