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# September Coaches Chat

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# SEASON

# Welcome FLL Challenge & FLL Explore Teams!

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# Agenda-

- FLL Blog
- Season Timeline and Important dates
- Participation rule reminder
- New WA State rules and guidelines
- Volunteers
- Registration – new process this season
- Event Locations
- Event Schedules
- Fundraising Workshop
- Important links
- Questions?

# Season Timeline Challenge and Explore-

## May-

- Team Registration Opens

## August-

- Challenge Released

## September-

- Event registration opens
- Team registration closes for FLL **Challenge**

## October-

- *FIRST* Washington invoices go out

## December-

- Qualifier Competitions For FLL **Challenge**
- First Festivals for FLL **Explore**

## Jan/Feb-

- Semifinal/State Competitions for FLL **Challenge**
- Possible winter Festivals for **Explore**

## March-

- Spring Festivals for FLL **Explore**

## April-

- World Festival

**We will not be taking robot game questions  
this evening.**

Kevin T will be hosting his own Robot Game meetings starting in October.

## Important Dates for FLL Challenge!

### September-

Now- Boeing Grant, OSPI Grant, FIRST Washington Registration and Grant open

20<sup>th</sup>- OSPI Grant Closes

27<sup>th</sup>- *FIRST* Washington Grant Closes

30<sup>th</sup>- Team registration closes

### October-

Oct 11<sup>th</sup>. *FIRSTWA* invoices go out

Oct 14<sup>th</sup>- Event placements begin for paid teams\*\*

25<sup>th</sup>- payment or P.O. must be received by

Oct 31<sup>st</sup>- Event placements end\*\*

### November-

4<sup>th</sup>- Waitlist teams notified\*\*

### December-

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> - Qualifier weekend 1

14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> -Qualifier weekend 2

### January

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> -Semifinals\*

### TBD

*West WA State Championships*

*Eastern WA State Championships*

*\*Western WA only*

*\*\*Subject to change*



# Important Dates for FLL Explore!

## September-

Event registration opens

## October-

Late Oct.- First set of *FIRSTWA* invoices go out

## December-

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> - Winter Festival events

## January/February

Possible Second round of Explore Festivals

## March

Spring Festival Events

## April\*

Registration closes

*\*Possible end of the season Festival depending on interest*



# Participation Rule Reminders-

## Some highlighted rules-

- All work presented at events is the work of the children on the team.
- A competitive team consists of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of ten (10) children.
- A team must be registered and fully paid in their national registration system to sign up for official events. Additional regional/local event fees may apply.
- All team members attending an event are required to participate in the judging session and be present as a team at the Robot Game matches.



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To read the full participation rules-





# Participation Rules Cont.

## Consequences

*FIRST*® gives authority to volunteers staffing *FIRST*® LEGO® League Challenge official events to interpret and implement the Participation Rules, guided by global *FIRST*® LEGO® League Challenge training materials.

- Teams, coaches, and supporters at official events are expected to demonstrate the Core Values and Gracious Professionalism®.
- Individuals interfering with, excessively instructing, prompting, or heckling a team or volunteer may be asked to leave.
- Severe infractions of these rules may result in a team's dismissal from the event. *FIRST*® LEGO® League Challenge official event volunteers are provided training to identify and respond to these situations (See *FIRST*® Youth Protection Policy).
- Individuals and/or teams who fail to abide by the Participation Rules may be ineligible for awards at a tournament.



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## **New Washington State Rules and Guidelines-**

### Overall-

- We are in a school that is graciously hosting us, please be good ambassadors for FLL so they will have us back next year.
- All volunteers running the event- judges, referees, queuers, etc., are exactly that, volunteers. They are donating their time. Please be respectful of them and their time.
- This event is a celebration of your student/team's hard work! This day is all about them!

### Pit Area-

- Use only your assigned pit space. This area is for coaches and team members only. Parents and siblings should be in the stands unless they are touring the pit area.
- Please only use provided practice fields. Do not bring your own challenge set from home.
- Always have a representative at your pit table that knows where your team is
- Please eat at the designated lunch time in the designated area. No saving additional tables for lunch
- Please do not move furniture, or bring additional furniture from home
- No loud music or live music in the pit area
- Do not move pit tables or pit numbers on tables
- No running or screaming in the pit area- if your team needs to burn off some energy, take them outside

# New Washington State Rules and Guidelines- cont.

## Judging-

- There is no rejudging
- Do not leave materials with the judges
- Volunteers will be on the lookout for gracious (or ungracious) behavior by teams and such incidents may be reported to the judges during deliberations

## Field-

- There is no programming at the table.
- 2-minute time limit for inspection- decreasing by 30 seconds per level of competition. It is 1 minute at world championship
- Getting ready post inspection time limit- a couple minutes
- Teams may bring 1 adult SILENT observer to the question box when the students are asking questions of the Head referee
- Coaches are to enthusiastically cheer or provide emotional support at the field- no coaching or directing teams or students. You will receive 1 warning. If you are talked to again, you will be asked by the head referee to please go sit in the stands for the rest of the event.

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## New Washington State Rules and Guidelines- cont.

Please remember that this is a day for the teams to share their ideas, compete and collaborate with each other.

The day is about what they have learned and accomplished throughout the season. It is for the team members to shine in their own unique ways in front of judges and volunteers and each other.

General Public and Families are welcome to watch the robot competitions and walk through pits in the afternoon.

Kids do the Work-





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# Volunteers!

Volunteer Success and Engagement Manager- Mara Kealey

# Registration-

## Team Registration-

- Open now at [firstinspires.org](http://firstinspires.org)

## *FIRST* Washington Registration-

- Open now at [firstwa.org](http://firstwa.org)

## Event Registration-

- For **Explore** - Coming soon, mid to late September. Fingers crossed!
- For **Challenge** - Big changes this season!



## Challenge Registration- New procedure this season!

- Teams will no longer be filling out a registration survey
- Teams will be assigned a home venue/event that is within 50 miles
- The 50 miles is point to point distance, not driving distance
- Based on Venue Zipcode and Team Zipcode
- Teams have the ability to opt out of their home event using the opt out form and go on a waitlist.
- Waitlist teams are not guaranteed a spot in the event they choose, or a spot in the event they opted out of.
- Waitlist teams will be notified after the placement window closes if there is space in the event they chose.
- If there is not space- they can move back to their home event, space permitting, or move into an event with available space.
- There is no guarantee an event with available space will be within 50 miles

This is the first time doing this, there may be bumps, please be patient!

## Challenge Registration cont.

- Teams will still need to be paid to see their placement
- Waitlist teams are placed on a first come first served basis in the event they choose if there is available space
- Teams may only ask to opt out by filling out the form- no email communication will be accepted.
- Teams requesting to change the day of the week they are competing will be handled differently. I do not have that process ironed out yet 😊



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## Event Locations- Challenge

Federal Way

Bellevue

Everett

Spokane

Snohomish

Tacoma

Issaquah

Seattle

Pasco

Olympia

Chimacum

Oak Harbor

## Event Locations- Explore

December-

- Bellevue
- Snohomish

January/February-

- Spokane?

March-

- Snohomish
- Yakima

April/May-

- TBD- based on interest

***TBD- Richland?***

## Qualifier Event Schedule- Challenge

This is general info. You will receive an email from your event host with specific details. Aiming for 24-28 team events

- Doors will open for check in at 8
- Check in is from 8-8:30
- Coaches meeting 8:30
- Practice time 9-12
- Judging 9-12:30
- Opening Ceremonies 1:00
- Qualification matches 1:15-4:15
- Awards 4:30

# Festival Schedule- Explore

Check in

Set up display

Opening Ceremony

Reviewing Begins

Activity

Closing Celebration and Awards

Cleanup

*\*Festivals can be run either in the morning or the afternoon, but are most often run in the afternoon*



# Fundraising Workshop

Outreach Manager- Central Washington

Adrianna Miller



# Fundraising 101

Join us on October 10th from 5:00pm to 6:15pm for a webinar from our very own Director of Development, Lila Mowatt, covering the basics of fundraising and how you can set your team up for financial success this season.

Please RSVP by completing the form linked in the QR code. Once you RSVP, we will send you a calendar invite





# Important Links-

Team Registration- Both **Challenge** and **Explore**

- <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fll/cost-and-registration>

*FIRST* Washington Registration and Event Registration when open-

- **Challenge-** <https://firstwa.org/challenge-registration/>
- **Explore-** <https://firstwa.org/explore-registration/>

FLL Blog-

- <https://firstwa.org/fll-blog/>

**Next Coaches Chat- October 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Questions?**