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Washington FTC Coaches Chat

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Agenda

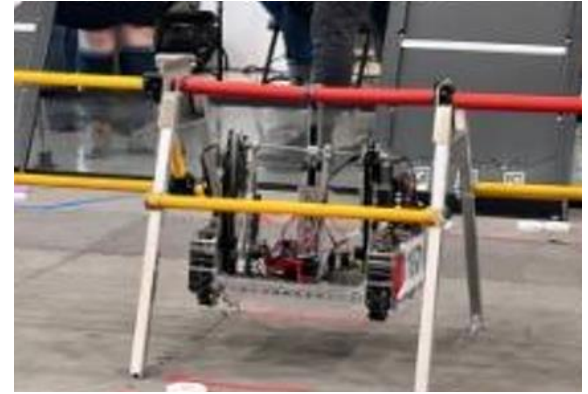
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League Meet 0

Hosted by FRC 9450

What is League Meet 0?

- An inclusive **pre-season event** designed to give **rookie teams** a strong foundation
- Combining **competitive scrimmages** with in-depth, **hands-on workshops**
- **Mentorship** from a veteran FTC (now FRC) team, offering insider knowledge and guidance
- Providing the full FTC competition experience with the **official scoring system** and **experienced volunteers**



Event Information



- **Who:** Free for all FTC teams
- **Where:** Woodinville High School
 - 19819 136th Ave NE, Woodinville, WA
- **When:** Saturday, October 5th, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm
- For more information, reach out to Velocity Raptors
 - velocityraptorsfrc@gmail.com
 - @velocityraptors9450

Sign Up Form



Registration and Fundraising



Registration

Teams need to register with two different groups

1. FIRST HQ, through the FIRST Inspires dashboard

- Log in at my.firstinspires.org
- Cost is \$295, paid through the FIRST Storefront
- More information available at

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

Registration

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2. FIRST Washington

- Fill out the FIRST Washington Registration Form
 - Also serves as the grant application for FIRSTWA
- Cost is \$925 before any grants are applied
- Available at <https://firstwa.org/ftc-registration/>

It's critical that teams register with both FIRST and FIRSTWA

OSPI Grants

- OSPI: Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
- OSPI Grants are managed by FIRSTWA
- Specifically for Public or Tribal Compact Schools
 - Community/Private teams are not eligible
- Submitted in partnership with your school district
- Funds can be used for any expenses associated with developing a FIRST team
- More information available at <https://firstwa.org/ospi/>

Fundraising Workshop

- Wednesday, October 10th, from 5:00-6:15 pm
- Run by FIRSTWA Director of Development, Lila Mowatt
- Covering the basics of fundraising and how you can set your team up for financial success.
- RSVP through using [this form](#) (same as QR code) to receive the calendar invite



New Team Support Survey

- Connecting experienced teams to newer teams
- Please fill out [this form](#) if you
 - Are looking for support, or
 - Are willing to provide support to other teams



Changes for the 2024-2025 Season



Changes for FTC Everywhere

- One Competition Manual, kept up to date via periodic Team Updates
 - Questions still go through the Q&A
- Engineering Portfolio is no longer a requirement for all awards
 - Still necessary for Inspire, Think, and Control
- Removed the Promote Award

Changes for FTC Everywhere

- Teams can submit Team Avatars to be shown alongside your team number in the scoring system
 - More information coming via [FTC Blog](#)
- Additional changes at the event level
 - Playoffs
 - Alliance Selection
 - Advancement
- *Please make sure you read the Competition Manual*

FIRSTWA Changes

Trying to solve a couple of problems

- As the number of teams increase, advancement past Interleagues becomes more of a challenge
- Strict event scheduling (all events at the same time) made it impossible teams to compete if they were busy, and as the event count grows we are stretching volunteers really thin.

FIRSTWA Changes

Changes to advancement

- Adding a new tier of events – Semifinals
- Interleague events will advance to Semifinals
 - Advancement target of 56 teams, up from 32
- Semifinal events will advance to State
 - Advancement target of 24 teams

FIRSTWA Changes

Changes to event scheduling

- Events will be spread out over a window of time, rather than happening all in one weekend
 - League Meets: October 26th – November 24th
 - Interleagues: December 7th – December 21st
 - Semifinals: January 11th – January 12th
 - State Championship: February 1st

FIRSTWA Changes

Changes to event assignment

- As a part of spreading out the events, we want to allow teams to opt-out of their pre-assigned league
- Home league assignments release October 1st
- Teams may submit event preferences to opt out of their home league until October 9th
- Final league assignments release October 11th

FIRSTWA Changes

Event Preferencing Form

- Not guaranteed your top preference
- If you opt-out via submitting the form, we may not be able to add you back into your Home League at a later date
- Cannot guarantee that related teams will be placed together through preferencing

Team Number *
The team number assigned by FIRST for this team.

Name *
Name of the person filling out this form.

Email Address *
Email for the person filling out the form. We will use this to contact you with any questions about your submitted preferences.

By checking this box, you confirm that you want to opt-out of your pre-assigned home league for the 2024-2025 season and understand that we may not be able to add you back to those events at a later date.
 I would like to opt out of my pre-assigned home events *

First Preference *

Second Preference *

Third Preference

(Tentative) Event Hierarchy and Dates

Washington Championship

2/1/25

Seattle

Asimov Semifinal

1/11/25

Location TBD

Čapek Semifinal

1/12/25

Location TBD

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Curie Interleague

12/14/24

Richland

Wu Interleague

12/14/24

Tacoma

Feynman Interleague

12/7/24

Mill Creek

Pasteur Interleague

12/8/24

Mill Creek

Tesla Interleague

12/21/24

Sammamish

Watt Interleague

12/14/24

Olympia

Hawking Interleague

12/15/24

Snoqualmie

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Curie Interleague
12/14/24
Richland

Agnesi Meet 1
11/2/24
Kennewick

Agnesi Meet 2
11/23/24
Kennewick

Hopper Meet 1
11/2/24
TBD

Hopper Meet 2
11/23/24
TBD

Tesla Interleague
12/21/24
Sammamish

Bardeen Meet 1
11/2/24
Duvall

Bardeen Meet 2
11/16/24
Woodinville

Spencer Meet 1
11/10/24
Sammamish

Spencer Meet 2
11/24/24
Sammamish

Watt Interleague
12/14/24
Olympia

Lovlace Meet 1
11/2/24
Olympia

Lovlace Meet 2
11/23/24
Olympia

Shockley Meet 1
10/26/24
Vancouver

Shockley Meet 2
11/23/24
Vancouver

Wu Interleague
12/14/24
Tacoma

Noddack Meet 1
11/3/24
Renton

Noddack Meet 2
11/24/24
Renton

Salk Meet 1
11/2/24
Tacoma

Salk Meet 2
11/16/24
Tacoma

Feynman Interleague

12/7/24

Mill Creek

Ritchie Meet 1

10/27/24

Edmonds

Ritchie Meet 2

11/24/24

Edmonds

Lamarr Meet 1

11/2/24

Woodinville

Lamarr Meet 2

11/16/24

Woodinville

Hawking Interleague

12/15/24

Snoqualmie

Maxwell Meet 1

10/27/24

Snoqualmie

Maxwell Meet 2

11/17/24

Snoqualmie

Turing Meet 1

11/3/24

Bellevue

Turing Meet 2

11/24/24

Bellevue

Pasteur Interleague

12/8/14

Mill Creek

Brattain Meet 1

11/3/24

Redmond

Brattain Meet 2

11/24/24

Redmond

Knuth Meet 1

10/27/24

Oak Harbor

Knuth Meet 2

11/17/24

Oak Harbor

(Tentative) Event Hierarchy and Dates

Please register ASAP

Upcoming Important Dates

- September 20th: OSPI Grant Applications Close
- September 27th: FIRSTWA Grants Close
- October 1st: Home Leagues Posted (based on 9/27 registration data)
- October 1st: League Preferencing Window Opens
- October 9th: League Preferencing Window Closes
- October 10th: Fundraising Workshop
- October 11th: Final League Assignments Posted
- October 15th: FTC Coaches Chat
- October 18th: Deadline to secure FIRST WA Registration
- October 26th: League Meets Begin



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Questions?