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FRC 2025-25 Team Briefing



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FRC Season 2024-2025

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

2024 FRC Deadlines and important dates

- 10-17-24 9:00 am Second FRC Event Preference Window Opens
- 10-24-24 9:00 am Second FRC Event Preference Window Closes
- 10-31-24 9:00 am District 3rd play and unrestricted Regional registration opens
- 11-7-24 9:00 am Inter-district registration opens
- 11-12-24 9:00 am All event registration closes
- Wk Nov 18: Invoices sent out to the contact listed on the FIRSTWA registration form.
- 12-6-24 FRC Invoices Secured so can pick up kickoff kit Jan 4

2023 FRC Calendar of Workshops and Events

- FRC Workshops hosted by SOTABots 2557: Nov 9
 - Details were in this weeks blog
- Host a workshop in your area!
- FRC Coaches Chats
 - Nov 21
 - Dec 19

Status of the FRC District

- We currently have 131 teams registered this year (and are working on getting 1 more registered!)
- We are holding 8 district events
 - With these numbers, event capacity will be 32-36 teams
- District Championship will be at Eastern Washington University in Cheney April 2-5, 2025

2025 PNW FRC Event Calendar

Venue	Where	When	Week
Oregon State Fairgrounds (OSF)	Salem, OR USA	Feb 27- Mar 1, 2025	1
Glacier Peak High School (GPK)	Snohomish, WA USA	Feb 28 – Mar 3, 2025	1
Clackamas Academy (CAS)	Oregon City, OR USA	Mar 6-8, 2025	2
Sammamish High School (SAM)	Bellevue, WA USA	Mar 7-9, 2025	2
SunDome (SUN)	Yakima, WA USA	Mar 13-15, 2025	3
Bonney Lake High School (BLK)	Bonney Lake, WA USA	Mar 14-16, 2025	3
Wilsonville High School (WVY)	Wilsonville, OR USA	Mar 21-23, 2025 Yes, Fri - Sun	4
Auburn High School (AUB)	Auburn, WA USA	Mar 21-23, 2025	4
PNW District Championships	Cheney, WA USA	Apr 2-5, 2025	6

Be sure to register for a kickoff location!

- **EVERY team** needs to register for a kickoff
 - This year FIRST is asking teams to enter a delivery address **in case** there is a situation where a kit needs to be shipped after kickoff.
 - Unless you truly want to be a my site, make sure the “ok to ship kit” button is toggled off
- All kickoff locations will have a viewing party
- *Teams can choose to just pick up their kit at a kickoff location and not watch the video*
 - *Please communicate with your kickoff coordinator if you only plan to pick up your kit*
 - *Make sure to fill out a surrogate form if your are not sending one of your 2 lead contacts to pick up your kit*
- **Teams will be charged if they choose to be a My Site**
 - **If you choose My Site as your option, your kit will arrive 1-2 weeks after kickoff**
 - **Currently we have 13 teams listed as my site team, please log into your dashboard and confirm your kickoff choice**

2025 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 closes on November 12, 2024

Because of the timing of winter break and Kickoff, it is **Imperative** you secure your registration before winter break. Failure to do so, may result in not being able to pick up your kickoff kit at kickoff.

*****Remember, every team receives a kickoff kit, even if you opt out of the black tote. If you choose to be a mysite, you will be responsible for shipping cost and your kit will not ship until after kickoff.**

Lets talk about event preferencing

- Lots of coaches were confused this year so let's review it quickly now
- During the first event preferencing window **you are preferencing for just one event**
 - You can prioritize multiple events if that is what you want to do
 - Waitlist
 - You will end up on the waitlist for the **last** event in your ranked order unless you say otherwise
 - If you would like to be put on the waitlist for an event, there is no point selecting event preferences after that
- **Everyone must preference for a second event**
 - Your choices become very limited if you don't preference within the window

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 10-31-24
- You have the option of doing a third play in another district
 - Registration opens 11-9-24
 - 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 10-31-24
 - 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
- Teams will receive a separate invoice for third play, regional, and inter-district play from *FIRST* Washington.

Third Play Registration

We know we will have 3rd plays available at 2 events:

- Oregon State Fair week 1
- SunDome week 3

After the 2nd round of preferencing closes, we MAY open up 3rd plays at other events based on registration numbers

IF you are already registered for Oregon State Fair or SunDome AND there is capacity at another event, you MAY be able to register for that event. Email me and we can talk about it. Things are very full so there is not much space this year for 3rd plays

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 most of the difference already
- Keep in mind, the funds you are receiving are coming from ORTOP and *FIRST* Washington. We list the donors on the invoices since we follow donor intent so that you know where the funds originated.

Invoices will be processed after *FIRST* registration closes, the week of 11-12-24

- We plan to send invoices out by **Monday, 11-18-24**
- Invoices will be sent to the person designated on the registration form
- The invoices will come from accounting@firstwa.org
- If the invoice needs to go to someone else, you need to forward it to them.

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)

You can sign up from our blog page here: <https://firstwa.org/frc-blog/>

General questions are now welcome

- Ask us anything you need help with!
- Chat with your fellow coaches to collaborate/commiserate