



# FRC 2024-25 Team Briefing





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- A blog was released today regarding Championship Housing
- We have no say in the Championship Housing process

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- I encourage all of you to send your feedback to firstinspires re: the Championship Housing process
- We will not discuss championship housing anymore during this briefing but once we are through the agenda, if you would like commiserate or vent to each other, I'm happy to provide the space at the end of this meeting for you to do so <sup>(2)</sup>



# FRC Season 2024-2025

- Upcoming Calendar of important deadlines
- District status update
- Workshops/Quiet Room/Accommodations
- Volunteer needs



# 2024/25 FRC Deadlines and important dates

- Dec 10:
  - Invoices need to be secured (Invoices were emailed on 11-26)
- Jan 4:
  - Kickoff



# Status of the FRC District

- We have 132 teams this year
- District Championship will be at Eastern Washington University April 2-5
- Championship will be in Houston again this season April 16-19 The PNW will send 22 teams to Houston this season (Breakdown has not yet been established but I will talk about that in our Feb event briefing.)

# 2025 PNW FRC Kickoff Locations

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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

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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** 

We had several teams select to be a MySite this year. What this means:

- You have an additional charge on your Invoice for MySite shipping fees
- Your Kit will be shipped to you after kickoff

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# 2025 PNW FRC Event Calendar

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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 2, 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 <b>Yes, Fri - Sun</b>	4
Auburn High School (AUB)	Auburn, WA USA	Mar 21-23, 2025	4
PNW District Championships	Cheney, WA USA	Apr 2-5, 2025	6

- Our District event schedule is condensed into 4 weeks.
- This will give teams just a bit more time to prepare for District Championships if they qualify
- You will still need to register for District Championships the Monday after week 4 events are complete





Venue	Team Count
Oregon State Fair (OSF)	36
Glacier Peak High School (GPK)	34
Clackamas Academy (CAS)	29
Sammamish High School (SAM)	32
SunDome (SUN)	34
Bonney Lake High School (BLK)	34
Wilsonville (WIL)	34
Auburn High School (AUB)	37



# About Third & Regional Plays

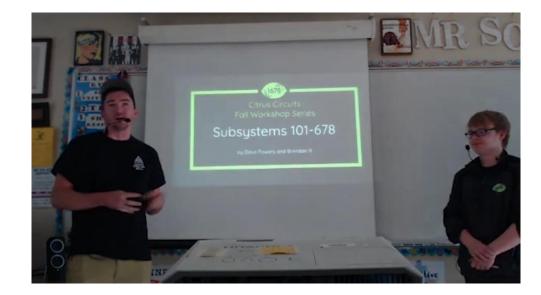
- Third plays cost \$1,000 and do not count for points
  - You can still win awards at third plays, but no points
- Regional plays cost \$4,000 and do not count for points
  - You can win some awards at Regional events, you can not win Impact
  - You can not advance to championships from a regional event, even if you win that event

• Teams will receive a separate invoice for third play, regional, and inter-district play from *FIRST* Washington.

## **Event Workshops at events**

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- Fun but takes extra planning on our part.
- If you are interested in hosting a workshop, please fill out <u>this form</u> by February 7<sup>th</sup> with information on your workshop and which events you would like to present at
  - (Note: If you are interested in presenting at DCMP, feel free to enter that here, if you don't qualify, we will confirm with you prior to scheduling your workshop)
- You must upload a slide when you submit the form for us to put in our event presentations
- This form will close on Feb 7, 2025



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Most of our events now offer quiet rooms

Quiet rooms are hosted and staffed by teams

**New this year:** To keep our students safe and comply with FIRST's Youth Protection screening we have had to make some changes to the quiet rooms

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- 2 adults must be in the quiet room at all times for it to be open
- The adults must have passed FIRST's Youth Protection Screening Process

In order to meet the criteria above, we will require anyone volunteering in the quiet room to sign up for that role for the event through their dashboard. We are still working out this process and how we can partner with the host team to ensure they have access to their qualified volunteers. Stay tuned for more info



To sign up as a Quiet Room host, fill out <u>this form</u>



## Accommodations at events (accessibility, not hotel accommodations)

In the PNW, we work VERY hard to make sure everyone has a great experience at our events. Here are some of the things we are doing:

- We are working on getting Quiet Room hosts at **all** of our events (please consider being a host!)
- We are able to accommodate ME at **all** of our events (We will let you who is coordinating this for our events after kickoff)
- We offer all gender bathrooms at most events

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- We have many accommodations for students in wheelchairs
- We have many accommodations for students that are hearing impaired
  - New this year, we plan to have a TV with closed captioning at all of our FRC events!
- We have a wheelchair ramp that can be put on the truck (on request) to access the drivers station

We are aware of the needs at some of our events, but if you don't tell us, we may not be aware of your team's need. Please fill out this form to let us know if your team needs any accommodations. The earlier you fill out the form, the more likely we will be able to accommodate your request.

Understand, we may not be able to accommodate everyone's needs. We are a small organization and venues vary. Please be gracious and kind if we can't exactly meet your need the way you would like. The earlier you make us aware of a need, the greater chance we may be able to make an accommodation.











## Volunteering with FLL and FTC – WHY?

- We front-load the FLL and FTC event schedule to October – January to benefit FRC. The majority of our FLL and FTC competition season done in time for the FRC season. But that means we need your team to help in your "off" season.
- Students can count volunteer time towards school service requirements (one event = 10 hours)
- Work towards your community engagement goals (especially if you received OSPI or grant funding that requires this!).
- Support your future student pipeline.









## **Volunteering – WHEN?**

All events are a 1-day 7:30am – 5:00pm time commitment

## FLL Qualifier Dates: Everett has the greatest need!

- 12/14: Bellevue, Everett, Federal Way, Pasco, Seattle
- 12/15: Bellevue, Everett, Federal Way, Pasco, Seattle

### **FTC Interleague Dates:**

- 12/14: Curie (Richland), Watt (Olympia), Wu (Tacoma)
- 12/15: Hawking (Snoqualmie)
- 12/21: Tesla (Sammamish)









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### **FLL Semi Final Dates:**

- 1/18: Seattle, Covington
- 1/19: Seattle, Covington

### **FTC Semi Final Dates:**

- 1/11: Asimov (Maple Valley)
- 1/12: Capek (Maple Valley)











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### **FLL State Championships:**

- **1/18:** Eastern Washington State Championship (Spokane)
- **2/2:** Western Washington State Championship (Seattle)

## **FTC State Championships:**

• 2/1: Seattle



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• Field Resetter (x4)

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- Judge/Match Queuer (x4)
- Time Keeper (x1)
- Score Runners (x4)
- Judge (x3) *Ideally adults, or students age 16-18*
- Scorekeeper (x1)
- Referee (x2)

### FTC Student Volunteer Roles per event

- Field Resetter (x4)
- Lead Queuer

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- Queuer (x4)
- Pit Runner (x4)
- FTA Assistant (x1)
- Scorekeeper (x1)
- Scoring Referee (x2)

Tracking volunteer hours for credit? List <u>marak@firstwa.org</u> as your contact and 10 hrs. time donated per day (20 hours total if you volunteer both days).

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• Judges (x15)

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- Scorekeeper (x1) ideally, we want an adult or responsible, tech savvy student.
- Referees (x2) 4 needed in total, can be 4 adults.
- Pit Administrator (x1)
- Volunteer Check-in and Team Check-in (x1)

FTC Adult Volunteer Roles per event

- Judges (x12)
- Robot Inspectors (x4)
- Lead Scorekeeper (x1)
- Scoring Referees (x2)

If there is an event in your school district, your team should feel responsible to help support it! FLL and FTC are your pipeline for future FRC students. Your program grows stronger if FLL and FTC are strong!

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#### STUDENTS

#### **Create an Account**

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- 1. Create your FIRST Inspires account by selecting **REGISTER** in the menu drop down <u>firstinspires.org/</u>
  - I. If you already have a volunteer account, simply log in!
- 2. Once you've logged in, select **Volunteer Registration** on your **Dashboard**.
- 3. Then select **Event Volunteering**. On Event Filters, pick the program you wish to volunteer with (**FLL or FTC**).
- 4. Select the event you wish to volunteer at.
- 5. Under Volunteer Roles, select the role you wish to fill.
- 6. For the Dates Available field select **ALL DATES**.
- 7. List your FRC team affiliation when prompted, then select **Complete**. When you reach the **APPLICATION RECEIVED** screen, you'll know you're done!

#### ADULTS

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- 5. Under Volunteer Roles, select the role you wish to fill.
- 6. For the Dates Available field select **ALL DATES**.
- 7. List your FRC team affiliation when prompted, then select **Complete**.
- 8. When you reach the **APPLICATION RECEIVED** screen, If your screen allows you to click the "**BEGIN YOUTH PROTECTION SCREENING**" please select and complete this step.
- 9. This is a required free-of-charge background check that FIRST requires all volunteers age 18+ complete.





FIRST Washington strives to support coaches in building sustainable and supported teams. We'd love to hear from you how we're doing.

Please take time to fill out the survey to let us know how prepared you feel for the upcoming season and how you feel about your team's sustainability.

### Link to survey

A survey link was also included in Wednesday's Coaches Blast email and can be found in the <u>FIRST Washington FRC Blog Volume 11</u>.

Thank you!





