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FRC 2025-26 Team Briefing



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FRC Season 2025-2026

- Kickoff this season
- Third Plays
- Participation Fees

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**

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 18, 2025

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.**

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 10-30-25
- You have the option of doing a third play in another district
 - Registration opens 11-6-25
 - 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 10-30-25
 - 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.

PNW District participation fees

- The participation fee this year is \$11,800
- *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 though we sometimes list the donors on the invoices since we follow donor intent so that you know where the funds originated.

Invoices will be processed the week after *FIRST* registration closes 11-18-25

- We plan to send invoices out by **Monday, 11-24-25**
- 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