



FRC 2025-26 Team Briefing



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FRC Season 2025-2026

- Upcoming Calendar of important deadlines
- Upcoming Calendar of Workshops and Events
- Preferencing
- District status update
- Participation Fees

2024 FRC Deadlines and important dates

- 9-25-25 9:00 am First FRC event preference system opens
- 9-25-25 9:00 am Kickoff Registration Opens
- 9-26-25 5:00 pm *FIRST* Washington Registration deadline to be considered for a grant (**Yes, this date has passed**)
- 10-2-25 9:00 am First Preference system closes
- 10-16-25 9:00 am Second FRC Event Preference Window Opens
- 10-23-25 9:00 am Second FRC Event Preference Window Closes
- 10-30-25 9:00 am District 3rd play and unrestricted Regional registration opens
- 11-6-25 9:00 am Inter-district registration opens
- 11-18-25 9:00 am All event registration closes
- Wk Nov 23: Invoices sent out to the contact listed on the FIRSTWA registration form.
- 12-5-25 FRC Invoices Secured so can pick up kickoff kit Jan 10

2025 FRC Calendar of Workshops

- Watch your future PNW FRC email blasts for details
- FRC Coaches Chats (We are changing our format a bit and will be doing a quick update but focusing on more specific topics on the coaches chats)
 - Oct 23 – How to become a 501c3
 - Nov 18 – Unearthing Treasure – How to find new funding opportunities to support your teams success!
 - Dec 16 – Topic TBD (if you have suggestions, send me an email!)
- Workshops
 - No workshops scheduled at this time, feel free to host one!

Off Season Events



10-4/5-25	OR Girls Gen & FIRST Chance by FRC 1425 Wilsonville HS, in Wilsonville, OR
10-10/11-25	Uplift Challenge by 4125 & 8532 Columbia Vista Intermediate Umatilla, OR
10-11/12-25	Bordie Charged by FRC 2412 Sammamish HS in Bellevue, WA
10-18/19-25	WA Girls Gen by FRC 2046 Tahoma HS, in Maple Valley, WA
10-25-25	Storm Surge by FRC 2811 & 9567 Skyview HS, in Vancouver, WA
12-13-25	BunnyBots 2024 by FRC 1540 Catlin Gabel School, Portland, OR
12-20-25	BunnyBots 2024 by FRC 3218 Bonney Lake HS, Bonney Lake, WA

Pro Tips for Preferencing

- **You MUST have two adult mentors pass the YPP program BEFORE you will be allowed to preference for your first event.**
- Do this NOW!
- DO NOT change mentors between your first and second registration or they may not get through the YPP process.
- If you need to change mentors, wait until after you register for your 2nd event.

Event Registration

- Starting September 25, you will have one week to enter your ranked event preferences for your **first** event only
 - Assignments are done by lottery
 - It gives you no advantage to enter your event preferences early. Relax! All entries before 9 am 10-2-25 will have the same chance. (Try to have your preferences selected by Wednesday)
- If you select your home event, you will be given that preference (no need to select any additional events as a back up)
- If you select an event other than your home event, you will be subject to the outcome of the lottery.
- Remember, you are only guaranteed your home event during your **first registration window**. If you don't choose it at that time, it opens up to anyone else who did and there may not be room in that event come second registration.

Event Registration continued...

- If you pick an event other than your home event, there is a VERY good chance you will initially end up on the waitlist initially when events are posted.
- I will work with FIRST Staff will work to move everyone off the waitlist by the end of the day on Monday.
- I will reach out to teams still on the waitlist after FIRST HQ has made all of their adjustments
- Please do not reach out to me before Tuesday afternoon (Oct 7) if you end up on a waitlist. I will be working with FIRST to get everyone moved off and will not respond to emails asking about waitlist status until after I have finished working with FIRST

2026 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 opens on September 25, 2025

Some things to note:

- All teams are asked to enter a shipping address in case FIRST needs to mail something directly to your team after kickoff
- If you select MySite, your kit will not ship until **after** kickoff and you will be responsible for the shipping charges.

2025 PNW FRC Event Calendar

Venue	Where	When	Week
Oregon State Fairgrounds (OSF)	Salem, OR USA	Mar 5-7, 2026	1
Bonney Lake High School (BLK)	Bonney Lake, WA USA	Mar 6-8, 2026	1
Wilsonville High School (WVY)	Wilsonville, OR USA	Mar 13-15, 2026	2
Glacier Peak High School (GPK)	Snohomish, WA USA	Mar 13-15, 2026	2
SunDome (SUN)	Yakima, WA USA	Mar 19-21, 2026	3
Sammamish High School (SAM)	Bellevue, WA USA	Mar 20-22, 2026	3
Clackamas Academy (CAS)	Oregon City, OR USA	Mar 26-28, 2026	4
Auburn High School (AUB)	Auburn, WA USA	Mar 27-29, 2026	4
PNW District Championships	Cheney, WA USA	Apr 8-11, 2026	6

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
 - 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.

Status of the FRC District

- We expect to have 130 teams this year (hopefully more!)
 - We have 2 confirmed rookies
- We are holding 8 district events
- District Championship will be at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA April 8th – 11th, 2026

Changes to the PNW District participation fees

- The participation fee this year is \$11,800
 - We have decoupled the DCMP registration fee from the season registration fee
 - Teams that qualify for DCMP will now pay a \$4000 registration fee.
 - FIRST Washington will have some funding to assist teams that qualify for DCMP if needed
- *FIRST* Washington and ORTOP are fundraising on your behalf right now!
- There is a grant system in place for ALL PNW district teams
 - You **MUST** fill out the *PNW* Registration form and check the box that you would like to be considered for a grant.
 - You **MUST** fill out the registration form by September 26 (**yes that was last Friday**) to be considered for a grant

Following Donor Intent

- We work very hard in raising unrestricted funds so we can allocate to teams in need.
- However, many donors do request that their donations are allocated to specific circumstances.
- Team invoices will be different due to honoring donor intent

General Questions are now welcome

- Ask us anything you need help with!