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# FRC Season 2025-2026

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

# 2025/26 FRC Deadlines and important dates

- Dec 12:
  - Invoices need to be secured (Invoices will go out later this week or early next week)
- Jan 10:
  - Kickoff (Your invoice must be secured to pick up your kickoff kit)

# 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
  - FIRST Washington will cover 3<sup>rd</sup> play registrations for teams that register for a 3<sup>rd</sup> play at SunDome
- 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 in January.

# PNW District participation fees

- The participation fee is \$11,800
  - **Yes this is a change**
    - 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 have been fundraising on your behalf.
- Your FIRST Washington and ORTOP grants will show on your invoice

## A Few things to note:

The FIRST HQ portion of your registration is \$6300 (a \$300 increase from last season)

The PNW portion of your registration is \$5500 (a \$1500 decrease from last season)

The FIRST HQ Registration amount will show up on your firstinspires dashboard along with any grants that you have received through firstinspires (Like Boeing, Apple, Google, etc...)

The FIRST Washington and ORTOP grants do **not** show up on your firstinspires dashboard, you will see those on your invoice

# Invoices are being processed now

- To maximize the grants on your firstinspires dashboard, FIRST Washington can not secure your team or process invoices until after registration closes
- Invoices are being processed now and will be emailed out no later than Monday, November 24
- They will be sent to the person designated to receive the invoice on the PNW registration form.
- You will receive an email from me when invoices have gone out
- If the invoice needs to go to someone other than the person you designated on your registration, you will need to forward it to them.

# How are grants generally applied

- FIRST HQ Grants (grants on your firstinspires dashboard) are applied on your invoice up to \$6300. If your FIRST HQ grants total more than \$6300, you will need to follow the regrant instructions from FIRST HQ
- FIRST Washington & ORTOP Grants are applied to your invoice
- For Washington Public School teams that received Team Support funding, if you have a balance remaining after applying the two types of grants listed above, team support funding will be applied to your invoice.
- Any additional team support funding will be distributed to teams.

# Sample invoice



## INVOICE

Invoice #: FRC-5295-25/26

Invoice Date: 11/18/2025

Due Date: 11/18/2025

| From                                                                                    | To                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Washington FIRST Robotics<br>22426 72nd Ave S<br>Kent WA US 98032<br>P: 253-236-9327 x6 | FRC-5295<br>3737 N. Shelton Springs Rd.<br>Shelton WA US 98584<br>P: 360-970-2177 |

| Description                                   | Amount      |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 25-26 FIRST Washington Registration Fee       | \$5,500.00  |
| 25-26 Team Support Funding (OSPI Replacement) | -\$2,000.00 |
| 25-26 FIRST WA Grant                          | -\$2,000.00 |
| 25-26 FIRST Inspires Registration Fee         | \$6,300.00  |
| 25-29 FIRST Inspires - Boeing Grant           | -\$3,000.00 |

Invoice Amount \$4,800.00

Amount Received \$0.00

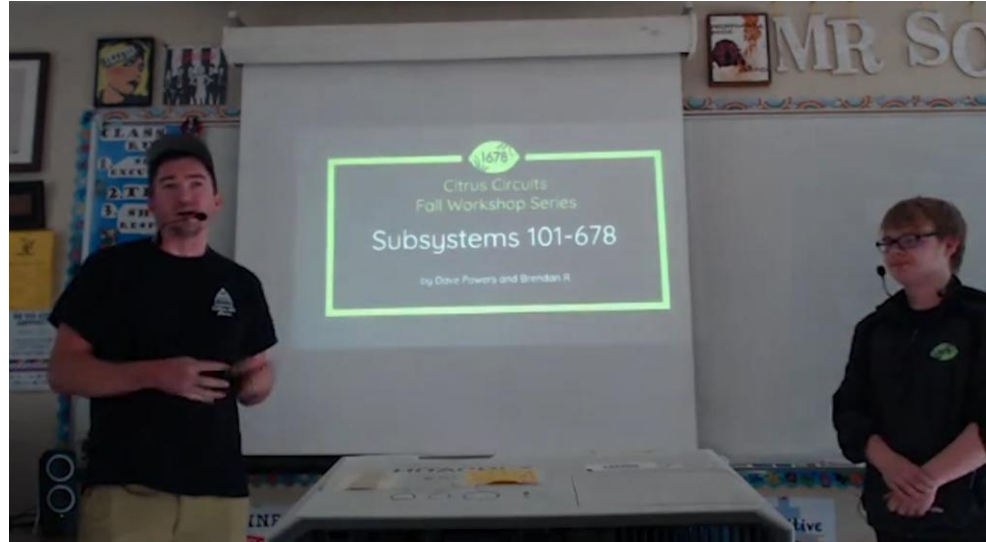
Balance Due \$4,800.00

# Virtual KoP and FIRST Choice

- In order to access the Virtual KoP or FIRST Choice, your firstinspires registration must be secured
- FIRST Washington can't secure your registration early or it will block your team from receiving grants on your firstinspires dashboard.
- I will send a PO to FIRST HQ tomorrow morning for PNW teams and FIRST will have all teams secured by the end of the week
- FIRST Choice will remain open until December 2<sup>nd</sup> so you will have plenty of time to make your selections after your team is secured.

# Event Workshops at events

- Fun but takes extra planning on our part.
- If you are interested in hosting a workshop, please fill out [this form](#) by February 6<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, 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 6, 2026



## Quiet Room

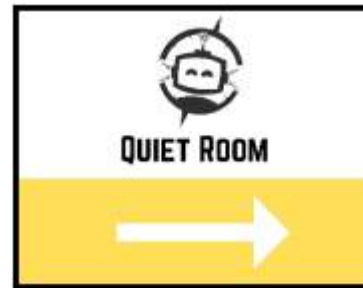
Most of our events now offer quiet rooms

Quiet rooms are hosted and staffed by teams

**New last 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

- 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 [this form](#)

# 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
- We have many accommodations for students in wheelchairs
- We have many accommodations for students that are hearing impaired
  - **We will continue 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.



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## FLL and FTC Volunteer Opportunities

We need volunteers for FLL and FTC events in December  
Please share this information with your teams...we'd love to  
have them join us at an event!

### Volunteer Needs:

- **Judges** (minimum 18 y.o.)
- **Referees** (minimum 16 y.o.)
- **Scorekeepers** (minimum 18 y.o./post high school)
- **Field Resetters** (minimum 15 y.o.)
- **Queuers** (minimum 15 y.o.)

## FLL QUALIFIER LOCATIONS AND DATES

| LOCATION    | DATE(S)                                                                  | LOCATION    | DATE(S)                                                                   |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Everett     | <a href="#"><u>December 6</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>December 7</u></a>  | Shoreline   | <a href="#"><u>December 13</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>December 14</u></a> |
| Seattle     | <a href="#"><u>December 6</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>December 7</u></a>  | Federal Way | <a href="#"><u>December 13</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>December 14</u></a> |
| Beaver Lake | <a href="#"><u>December 6</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>December 7</u></a>  | Snohomish   | <a href="#"><u>December 13</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>December 14</u></a> |
| Spokane     | <a href="#"><u>December 6</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>December 7</u></a>  | Issaquah    | <a href="#"><u>December 14</u></a>                                        |
| Wapato      | <a href="#"><u>December 6</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>December 7</u></a>  | Oak Harbor  | <a href="#"><u>December 14</u></a>                                        |
| Tacoma      | <a href="#"><u>December 7</u></a> and <a href="#"><u>December 14</u></a> | Olympia     | <a href="#"><u>December 14</u></a>                                        |

Click on date to learn more and register for that event

## FTC TOURNAMENT LOCATIONS AND DATES

| NAME    | LOCATION     | DATE                               |
|---------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Feynman | Mill Creek   | <u><a href="#">December 6</a></u>  |
| Pasteur | Mill Creek   | <u><a href="#">December 7</a></u>  |
| Curie   | Liberty Lake | <u><a href="#">December 13</a></u> |
| WU      | Bonney Lake  | <u><a href="#">December 13</a></u> |
| Hawking | Snoqualmie   | <u><a href="#">December 14</a></u> |
| Tesla   | Issaquah     | <u><a href="#">December 14</a></u> |
| Watt    | Olympia      | <u><a href="#">December 20</a></u> |

Click on date to learn more and register for that event

# General Questions are now welcome

- Ask us anything you need help with!