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FIRSTWA FTC Coaches Chat

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Agenda

- Upcoming Dates
- Awards
- Advancement
- Preparing for your Events
- Feedback/Questions

Upcoming Dates

- January 17th: Asimov Super Qualifying Tournament
- January 18th: Capek Super Qualifying Tournament
- January 19th - 25th: Dean's List Remote Interviews
- January 24th: Compass Award Submission Deadline
- January 31st: State Championship
- April 29th - May 2nd: FIRST Championship
- April - July: [FIRST Premier Events](#)

Compass Award

- Video Submissions are due Saturday, January 24th
- [Link to Submission Form](#)
- Award will be judged at State
 - Does not matter if your team advanced to Super Qualifiers or State, all submissions will be judged equally
- See Competition Manual Section 6.5.2 for the Compass Award Criteria

Deans List: What's Next?

- Remote interview timeslots were sent out to coaches Monday, Jan 5th
 - If you haven't already, please confirm the assigned time(s)
- Interviews will take place January 19th - 25th
 - Reminder that you need a parent or coach to join the interview
- 4 Dean's List Finalists will be chosen by a panel of reviewers and announced at the Washington State Championship
- Finalists around the world will be reviewed to be one of the 10 Deans List Award winners announced at the FIRST Championship
- Students will be considered to be Finalists/Winners even if the team is not in attendance at the event

Advancement

- Event Hierarchy
 - League Tournaments have advanced to Super Qualifiers
 - Super Qualifiers advance to State
 - Clean slate to start the day, nothing carries forward into SQs
 - State advances to Capstone Events
 - Clean slate to start the day, nothing carries forward into State

Advancement

- Super Qualifier Advancement
 - Asimov will advance 14 teams to State
 - Capek will advance 10 teams to State

Note: This is a change from previous plans based on changes in team counts

Advancement

- State Championship Advancement
 - 16 teams will advance to a capstone event
 - Either FIRST Championship or FIRST Premier Event
 - Washington is guaranteed 6 spots to the FIRST Championship
 - Placement into capstone events is based on a team's event preference selection with FIRST

Event Preference Selection for Capstone Event

- The Event Preferencing system is new from FIRST as of December
- There is no default preference order for Capstone Events
 - This includes FIRST Championship
- You **MUST** submit event preferences with FIRST if you want to be placed into a capstone event (including FIRST Championship)
- Blog from FIRST regarding preferencing:
<https://community.firstinspires.org/event-preferencing>
- All teams can go through and submit event preferences, you don't have to wait to see if you've advanced

Event Preference Selection for Capstone Event

A screenshot of the First Tech Challenge website. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the First Tech Challenge logo on the left and a user profile icon on the right. The main content area has a white background. The title "[99993] Off-Season Demo Team" is displayed in a large, bold, black font. Below it, the subtitle "Off-Season Demo Team" is shown in a smaller, regular black font. A blue button labeled "Events" is positioned on the left side of the page. Below this button, a list of links is visible: "Event Preferencing" (with a red triangle icon), "Traditional Score Calculator", "Team Avatar", "Users", and "Tools".

Event Preference Information

☐ Decline advancement

Selected Events

Drag	Order	Code	Name	Date	Location	Capacity	Actions
	#1	FPENE	New England Premier Event	4/17/2026 - 4/18/2026	West Springfield, MA, USA	56	[Up] [Down] [X] [Check]
	#2	FPECCN	Canada Cup - Niagara Premier Event	6/13/2026 - 6/16/2026	St. Catharines, ON, Canada	96	[Up] [Down] [X] [Check]
	#3	FTCCMP1	FIRST Championship	4/29/2026 - 5/2/2026	Houston, TX, USA	336	[Up] [Down] [X] [Check]
	#4	FPECOW	Cowtown Invitational Premier Event	6/16/2026 - 6/17/2026	Fort Worth, TX, USA	48	[Up] [Down] [X] [Check]
	#5	FPEMX	México Premier Event	7/23/2026 - 7/25/2026	Mexico City, MEX, Mexico	70	[Up] [Down] [X] [Check]

Available Events

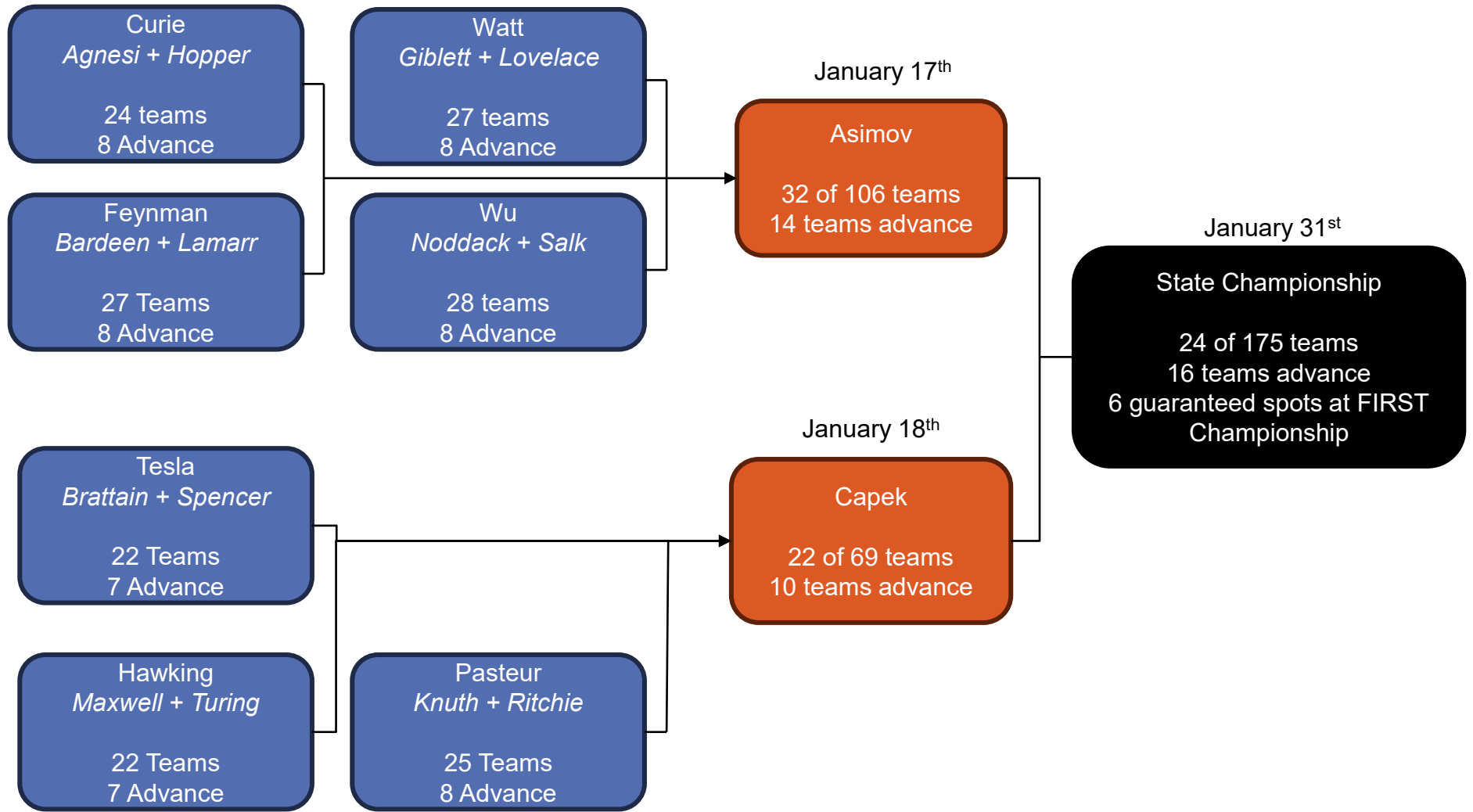
[All Premier Event details](#)

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	FPERR	Run for the Robots Premier Event	5/28/2026 - 5/30/2026	Lexington, KY, USA	72	[+] [Check]
	FPEWE	Western Edge Premier Event	5/28/2026 - 5/31/2026	Long Beach, CA, USA	80	[+] [Check]
	FPEMI	Michiana Premier Event Presented by GEARS	6/17/2026 - 6/21/2026	South Bend, IN, USA	96	[+] [Check]
	FPEEUR	European Premier Event	6/17/2026 - 6/20/2026	Eindhoven, NB, Netherlands	96	[+] [Check]
	FPEIST	Istanbul Premier Event	6/26/2026 - 6/28/2026	Istanbul, 34, Türkiye	100	[+] [Check]
	FPECRI	Chicago Robotics Invitational Premier Event	7/24/2026 - 7/26/2026	Chicago, IL, USA	38	[+] [Check]
	FPEROO	Canadian Rockies Premier Event @ KDays	7/24/2026 - 7/26/2026	Edmonton, AB, Canada	48	[+] [Check]
	FPECAR	Carolinas Premier Event	7/25/2026 - 7/26/2026	Winston-Salem, NC, USA	24	[+] [Check]

Additional Info

☐ Would like to attend multiple events
If this is not checked and you are added to a Premier Event outside of the preferencing system (e.g. directly by an event host), you will not be assigned another Premier Event through preferencing.

☐ Prioritize travel from sibling teams over preference order (list siblings below)



Asimov Event Schedule

- 8:00 AM - Teams Arrive
- 8:30 AM - Judging Starts
- 9:00 AM - Practice Matches Start
- 9:45 AM - Coaches Meeting
- 10:20 AM - Practice Matches End
- 10:35 AM - Drivers Meeting
- 11:20 AM - Opening Ceremonies
- 11:40 AM - Qual Matches Start
- 12:30 PM - Lunch
- 1:15 PM - Qual Matches Resume
- 4:30 PM - Qual Matches End
- 4:45 PM - Alliance Selection
- 5:30 PM - Playoffs and Awards Start
- 7:30 PM - Playoffs and Awards end, teams load out
- Live Stream: <https://ftcwa.live/asimov>

Capek Event Schedule

- 8:00 AM - Teams Arrive
- 8:30 AM - Judging Starts
- 9:00 AM - Practice Matches Start
- 9:45 AM - Coaches Meeting
- 10:30 AM - Practice Matches End
- 10:45 AM - Drivers Meeting
- 11:30 AM - Opening Ceremonies
- 11:50 AM - Qual Matches Start
- 12:30 PM - Lunch
- 1:15 PM - Qual Matches Resume
- 3:45 PM - Qual Matches End
- 4:00 PM - Alliance Selection
- 4:45 PM - Playoffs and Awards Start
- 6:45 PM - Playoffs and Awards end, teams load out
- Live stream: <https://ftcwa.live/capek>

State Championship Event Schedule

- Schedule is still being finalized.
- Rough plan
 - Doors open to teams at 7:30 am, and judging starts at 8:30 am
 - Lunch will be start somewhere around 12 - 12:30 pm
 - Target is for the event to end by 7:00 pm
- Goal is that teams will play 6 matches per team in qualifications, but we're still working out the final details of how to make that happen within our scheduling constraints
- Final schedule will be sent to teams after Super Qualifiers

Preparing for Super Qualifiers and State Championship

- Please make sure to bring your team roster, which needs to include
 - Your coaches & mentors
 - Your student participants
 - You will not be able to complete check-in (and receive drive buttons) without submitting a complete and valid roster
- Make sure to also bring your engineering portfolio and/or other supporting documentation for judging
 - This can include previous iterations of your robot or prototypes

What else should you bring?

- Safety glasses (for both students and spectators!)
- Robot and batteries
- Tools and repair supplies
- Everything required to drive the robot
- Power strip (in case you need more than 1 outlet)
- Extension cord (in case the outlet doesn't land where you need it)


Judging Clarifications

- Reminder: Per FIRST's rules, you cannot record your teams' structured interview
 - A210: "No Photos, Video or Audio recording during structured interview"
- Pit Interview reminders
 - Judges will come around in the pits to gather more information
 - Judges will be in maroon shirts (unlike any other volunteer)
 - Please prioritize talking to the judges when you can, as they are limited on time

Questions? Feedback?



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