

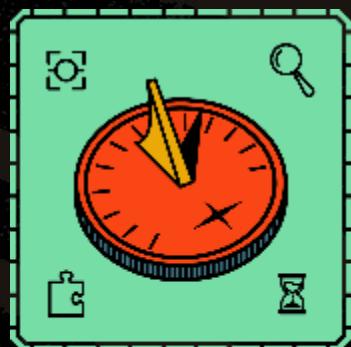
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FIRSTWA FTC Coaches Chat

January 8th, 2025



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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

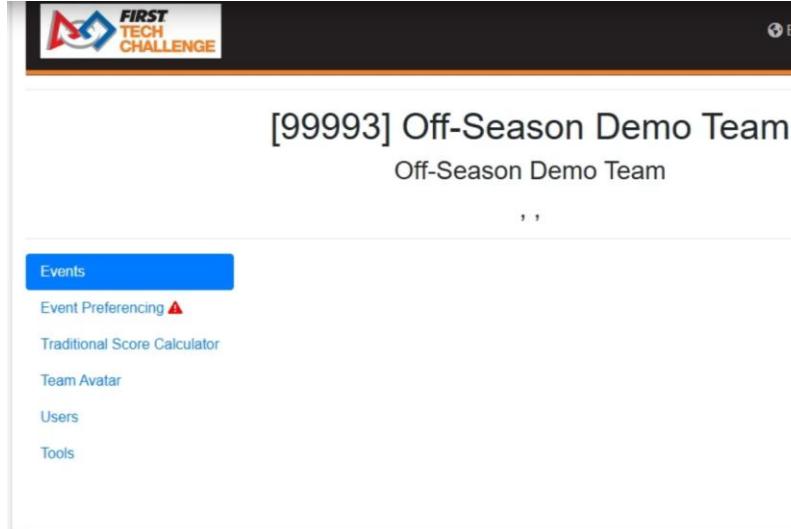
Advancement

- 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



[99993] Off-Season Demo Team
Off-Season Demo Team

Events

Event Preferencing 

Traditional Score Calculator

Team Avatar

Users

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	   
■	#2	FPECCN	Canada Cup - Niagara Premier Event	6/13/2026 - 6/16/2026	St. Catharines, ON, Canada	96	   
■	#3	FTCCMP1	FIRST Championship	4/29/2026 - 5/2/2026	Houston, TX, USA	336	   
■	#4	FPECOW	Cowtown Invitational Premier Event	6/16/2026 - 6/17/2026	Fort Worth, TX, USA	48	  
■	#5	FPEMX	México Premier Event	7/23/2026 - 7/25/2026	Mexico City, MEX, Mexico	70	   

Available Events

[All Premier Event details](#)

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

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 with sibling teams over preference order (list siblings below)

Curie
Agnesi + Hopper

24 teams
8 Advance

Watt
Giblett + Lovelace

27 teams
8 Advance

Feynman
Bardeen + Lamarr

27 Teams
8 Advance

Wu
Noddack + Salk

28 teams
8 Advance

Tesla
Brattain + Spencer

22 Teams
7 Advance

Hawking
Maxwell + Turing

22 Teams
7 Advance

January 17th

Asimov

32 of 106 teams
14 teams advance

January 31st

State Championship

24 of 175 teams
16 teams advance
6 guaranteed spots at FIRST
Championship

January 18th

Capek

22 of 69 teams
10 teams advance

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

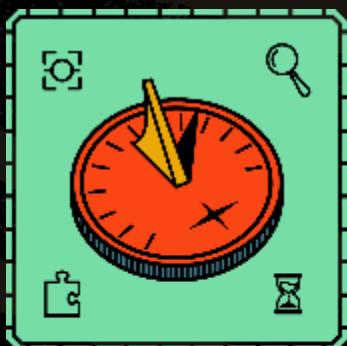
What else should you bring?

- 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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