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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

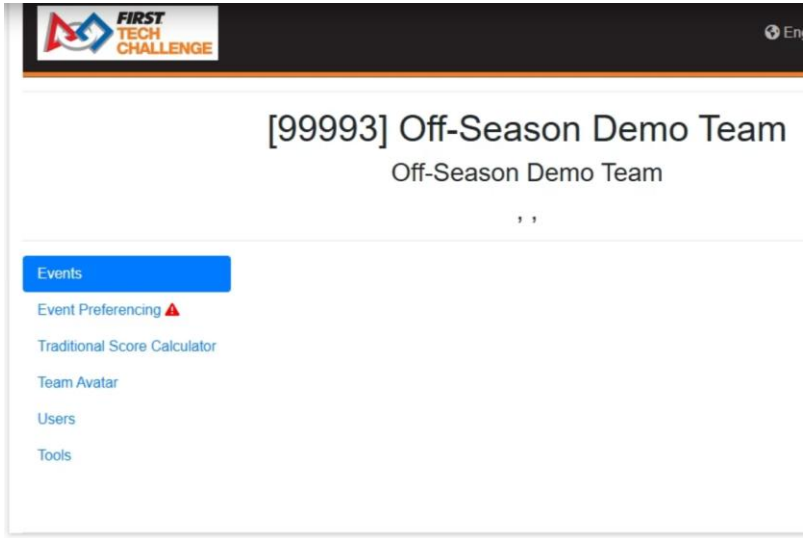
Advancement

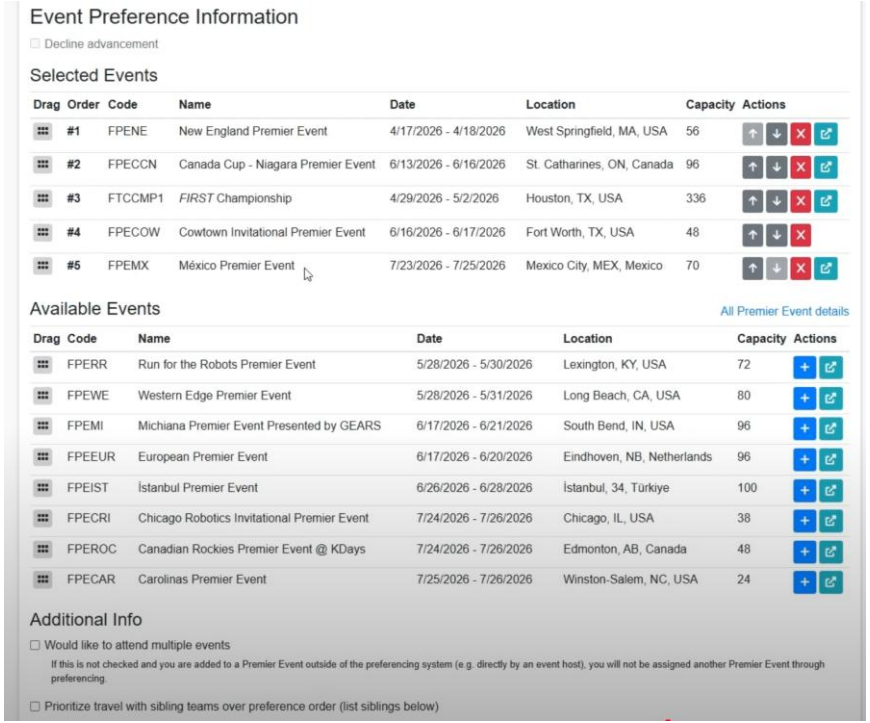
- State Championship Advancement
  - 16 teams will advance to a capstone event
    - Either FIRST Championship or FIRST Premier Event
  - Washington is guaranteed 6 spots to the FIRST Championship
  - Placement into capstone events is based on a team’s event preference selection with FIRST

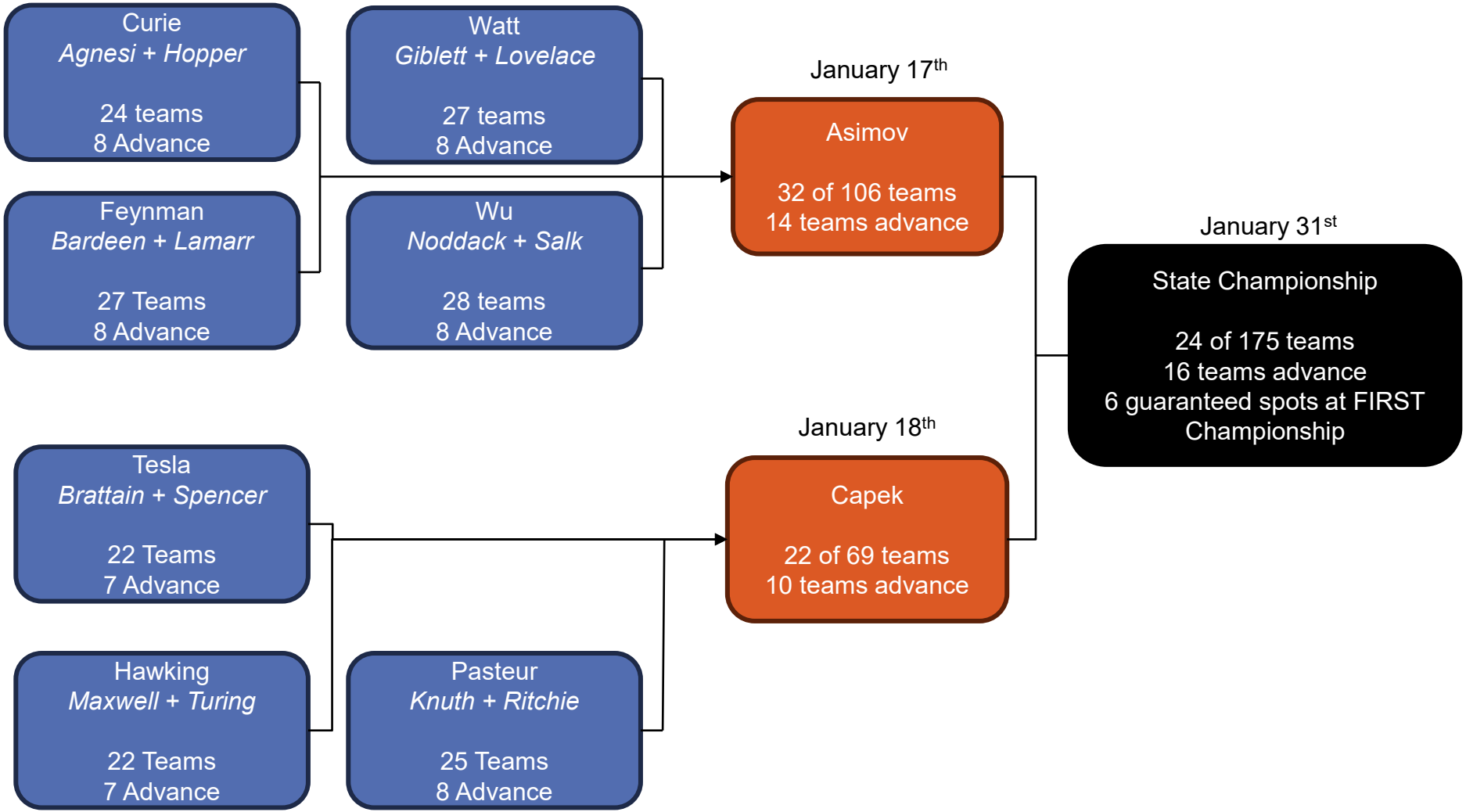
Event Preference Selection for Capstone Event

- 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






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
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
Tesla
Brattain + Spencer
22 Teams
7 Advance
Hawking
Maxwell + Turing
22 Teams
7 Advance
Pasteur
Knuth + Ritchie
25 Teams
8 Advance
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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