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FRC District Event Briefing
February 12, 2026

Logistics of this Webinar

This presentation is going to move very quickly!

We ask you all to keep your microphones muted.

Feel free to ask questions by typing in the chat or hit the raise hands button. If you raise your hand, we will invite you to unmute.

We will attempt to summarize and answer similar questions in mass.

There is a **TON** of information in these slides, we may decide to hold much of the Q&A until the end of a specific section so be prepared to write down your questions.

These slides and a recording of this presentation are on

<https://firstwa.org/webinars/>

Before your event

- Team Communication – **Extremely important you read these**
- Event specific briefings are online soon
- District team RSVP

Team Communication

The District communicates directly to team main and alternate contact

- **PLEASE** be sure to forward appropriate information regarding event specifics to the rest of your students, mentors & parents
- **Parking is a big issue at many events. We expect you to communicate parking information to the appropriate members of your team.**
- Please also pass along messages about volunteer opportunities for students and parents.

Event Specific Briefings are Online Soon

- Event specific documents are posted 2 weeks prior to your event
- We will email the main and alternate contact this information as well
- Site specific information will include food options, parking & load-in instructions, bus and trailer parking, and other things specific to each site.
- You will find them on each event page at <https://firstwa.org/competitions/>
- **BE SURE** to forward information on to team members and parents

District Event RSVP

For each of your district events, we need you to RSVP on

<https://firstwa.org/frc-rsvp/>

On the form, please fill in:

- Which event you are RSVPing for
- The onsite main contact for each team
- We need a contact **mobile** phone number for your team – **Please don't list a school number, you are not at the school when we need to reach you!**
- Tell us if you need a table, or you won't get one! (if you don't register 2 weeks in advance you are not guaranteed a table)

At Your Event

- Schedule
- Load in/Check in
 - What you should bring
- Drivers Meeting
- Pit area rules and restrictions
- Team Volunteer Requirements
- Alliances and backups

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Sample Schedule

Remember, the schedule can change. Be sure to check the official schedule at the event (Door open times should not change)



2026 BONNEY LAKE DISTRICT EVENT

Competition Schedule

| Friday, March 6, 2026 (Day 0) | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| 5:00PM - 8:00PM | Pits Open, Inspections, Load In Period |

| Saturday, March 7, 2026 (Day 1) | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 8:00AM - 11:00AM | Pits Open, Inspections |
| 8:30AM - 9:00AM | Drivers Meeting |
| 9:00AM - 9:30AM | Field Calibration |
| by 9:30AM - 10:45AM | Practice Matches |
| 11:00AM - 11:15AM | Opening Ceremonies |
| 11:15AM - 1:00PM | Qualification matches |
| 1:00PM - 2:00PM | Lunch |
| 2:00PM - 8:30PM | Qualification Matches |
| 8:30PM | Pits Close |

| Sunday, March 8, 2026 (Day 2) | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 8:00AM | Pits Open |
| 9:00AM - 9:15AM | Opening Ceremonies |
| 9:15AM - 11:00AM | Qualification Matches |
| ~11:00AM - 11:30AM | Alliance Selections (begins 8 minutes after the end of Qualification Matches) |
| 11:30AM - 12:30PM | Lunch |
| 12:30PM - 3:30PM | Playoff Matches & Awards Ceremony |
| ~4:00PM | Pits close 30 minutes following the close of the Closing Ceremony |

Activities Schedule

| (Day 1) No Menstrual Equity Host | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| No host | Quiet Room |
| 8:30 AM | Drivers Meeting |
| 12:45 PM - 3:00 PM | FLL Explore Expo |
| 1:00 PM | Sr Photo on the field |
| 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Leadership Listening session with Alida & Stokely |
| 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM | Gender Equity Movement in STEAM by 949 & 9036 |
| 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM | Advocacy 101 by 2412 |
| After last match | Alumni Photo on the field |

| (Day 2) No Menstrual Equity Host | |
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| No host | Quiet Room |
| 7:00 AM | Mentor Coffee (See Pit Admin for location) |
| 8:45 AM | Line up for Mascot Parade |
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*Schedule subject to change. All times are estimated based on flow of rounds. See Pit Administration table for updated times.

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Update to Sammamish

2026 SAMMAMISH DISTRICT EVENT

Competition Schedule

Friday, March 20, 2026 (Day 0)

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|-----------------|--|
| 5:30PM - 8:30PM | Pits Open, Inspections, Load In Period |
|-----------------|--|

Saturday, March 21, 2026 (Day 1)

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| 8:00AM - 11:00AM | Pits Open, Inspections |
| 8:30AM - 9:00AM | Driver's Meeting |
| 9:00AM - 9:30AM | Field Calibration |
| 9:30AM - 10:45AM | Practice Matches |
| 11:00AM - 11:15AM | Opening Ceremonies |
| 11:15AM - 1:00PM | Qualification Matches |
| 1:00PM - 2:00PM | Lunch |
| 2:00PM - 7:00PM | Qualification Matches |
| 7:30PM | Pits Close |

Sunday, March 22, 2026 (Day 2)

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| 8:00AM | Pits Open |
| 9:00AM - 9:15AM | Opening Ceremonies |
| 9:15AM - 11:00AM | Qualification Matches |
| ~11:00AM - 11:30AM | Alliance Selection (begins 8 minutes after the end of Qualification Matches) |
| 11:30AM - 12:30PM | Lunch |
| 12:30PM - 3:30PM | Playoff Matches & Awards Ceremony |
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See Pit Administration table for updated times.*

Schedule Overview: Whole Event

Day 0:

- Load in, team registration and inspection

Day 1:

- Inspection,
- Driver & Coaches Meeting will be at 8:30 am **Keep in mind inspection AND judging is also happening at this time so plan accordingly.**
- Practice matches
- Qualification Matches

Day 2, AM:

- Qualification Matches

Day 2, PM:

- Final Rounds / Team Departures

Load in

Load in

Pits open for load in at 5:00 PM on load in day (**Sammamish opens at 5:30)

- You may queue prior to 5:00 PM but you will not be allowed to enter the building
- You are expected to load in Day 0 between 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM
- **The load in window closes at 8:00 PM.** Your team **MUST** be loaded in prior to 8:00 PM **unless you have prior approval from Adrienne Collins.** If you are unable to load in on Day 0, please email acollins@firstwa.org
The venue host can not approve a late arrival.

What you should bring

Bring team rosters with all of your team information to **EACH** event you attend (including handwritten consent forms for anyone not listed on your roster) – The expectation is that your students/mentors have registered online, please only bring printed rosters for those who absolutely can't get registered online.

You **MUST BRING SAFETY GLASSES**

- For your entire team, parents, mentors and **visitors**
- We will not have safety glasses on site for participants or spectators

You must also bring

- 1 each 15' extension cord 16ga or 14 ga
- 1 each 40' extension cord 16ga or 14 ga
- 1 6 outlet power strip
- 1 each 2' x 2' x $\frac{3}{4}$ " Plywood pounding board

***Note: All extension cords should be labeled with your team number on **BOTH** ends so we can figure out what plugs in where.

Pit Etiquette

Your team has a 10' x 10' pit space

- **Please keep inside your 10'x10' pit space**
- Do not setup in the isle / walkway / or expand beyond 10' This includes storage space as well as chairs. Everything you bring needs to be stored in your pits
- Please do not set up an area to feed your students inside unless there is a designated eating area.

In general, your pit space is on a hardwood basketball court

- It is your responsibility to not damage the floor
- Your pit decorations must not have sharp edges on the bottom
- Your team should bring a 2' x 2' x ½" plywood for any pounding that needs to be done

ALL WHEELS MUST BE 3 inches in diameter minimum

- We recommend 5" for the cable crossing. Wheels < 3" will not be allowed on the hardwood floors.

Power rules

Pit power is limited. We are putting up to 6 teams on a single 20 amp circuit

- Power generator is shut down overnight (if there is a generator)
- Batteries may not be charged in the gym overnight, it is a safety issue (You may take them with you to charge off site)
- No compressors or other large motors
- Limit 400 watts per team, 2400 watts per 6 team Power Alliance
- Lighting: Should go with low wattage like LED

High school gyms have very little power

- You may NOT use any outlets in the gym
- The game equipment uses all available power
- We will unplug / remove / confiscate any equipment from gym outlets or any outlets in the halls or area surrounding the gym until after awards ceremony. You have been warned!

Feeding your students at competitions

We know you all work hard to make sure your students are fed at competitions. Please remember a few things:

- Not all venues have a designated space for eating and even those that do may not have a space that can fit all of the teams at the event.
- Be respectful with the space you take for your team
- Clean up your table and feeding area every night unless you are specifically told you can leave tables set up overnight. You can move stuff to your pit to store, just make sure it fits completely in your pit and have it torn down by the time pits close.
- Don't plan meals that require power to keep warm. **Schools do not have a lot of power and we are using all of it!** Please don't bring crock pots, electric griddles or anything that needs to be plugged in to keep food warm. We will unplug it if we see it!

Thank you for following the rules so the event staff doesn't have to be the bad guy at the event!

Team Volunteer Requirements

All teams will be required to help staff the safety glass table.

Though we will not be distributing safety glasses, we will need 2 people at a table outside the pits checking to be sure anyone entering the pits is wearing safety glasses. Please sign up for a shift at Pit Admin when you check in your team

Other event volunteer opportunities include Test area staff (formerly called the practice field), field reset, queueing, ambassadors.

Safety Reminders

Safety is a top priority for everyone. Please remind your team

Reviewing [FIRST Safety Manual](#) is a helpful preparation.

- Safety Glasses are required in pits and on the field
 - Teams need to provide safety glasses for their team and visitors.
- Foot protection - shoe that cover the entire foot when in pits or with robots
- Long hair and loose articles (hoodie strings, necklaces) are a safety hazard. Tie back hair and remove other hazards



Arrival & Parking

Competition Days

Please do not show up early!

- The doors may be open, please don't come inside until 8:00 am
- If you show up early, expect to wait outside the building even if the weather is bad

If you arrive earlier than expected, feel free to visit a nearby coffee shop to wait until it is time to arrive at the venue. **You will need to wait outside the building regardless of weather so come prepared and dressed appropriately**

Please don't get after the staff or volunteers for not letting you in early if you show up early and attempt to enter the building



2026 ROBOT RULES

What's New and Some Changes Which May be Missed.

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What's New – Size/Extension

R104 – STARTING CONFIGURATION Max Size

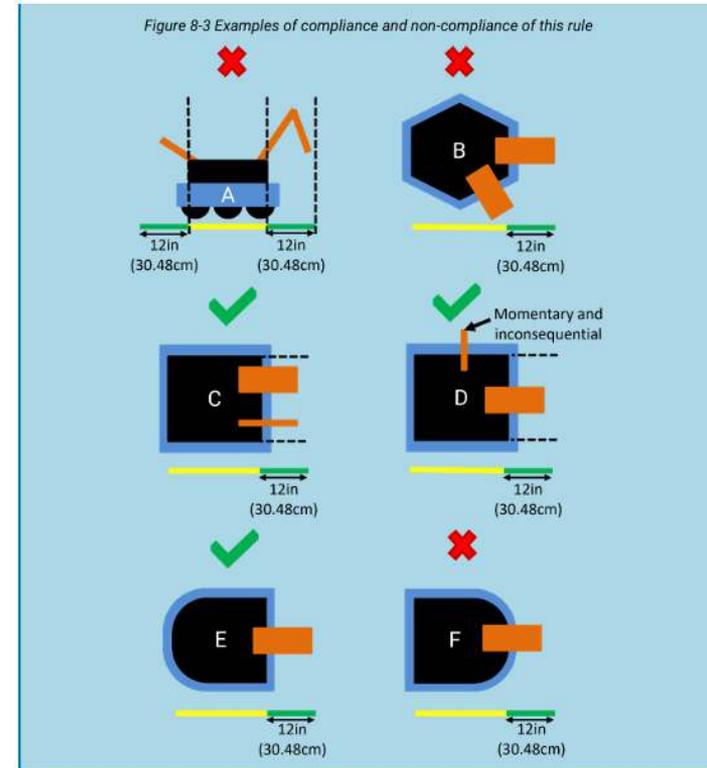
- ROBOT PERIMETER ≤ 110 in
- Height ≤ 30 in

R105/R106 – Horizontal Extension limit

- ≤ 12 in beyond vertical projection of ROBOT PERIMETER
- Only one direction at a time

R108 – Extension floor interaction

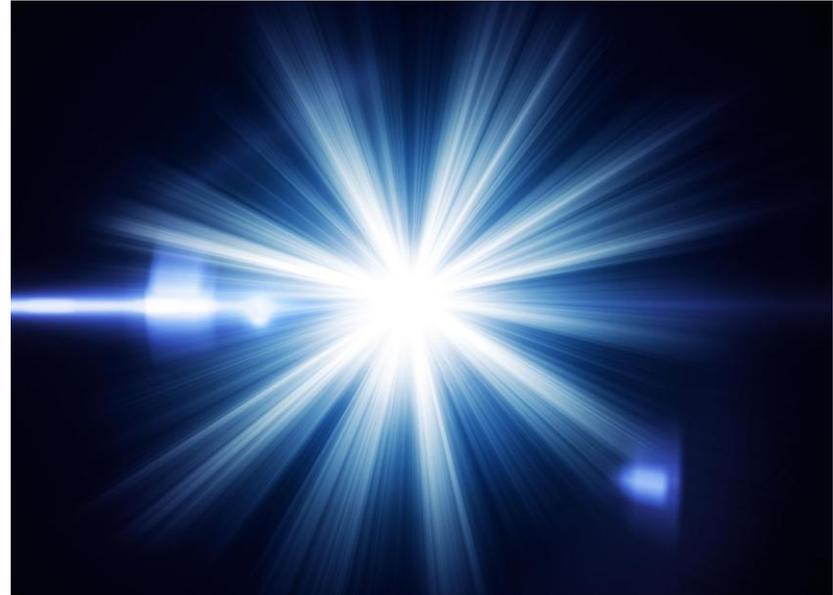
- ROBOT extensions cannot interact with the carpet, BUMPS, or TOWER BASE such that the BUMPERS are lifted out of the BUMPER ZONE



What's New - General

General Safety - R203

- Lead – Prohibit lead even if encapsulated
- Bright Flashing Lights – Shouldn't flash faster than ~5Hz
 - Rule made to prevent seizures.
 - Inspectors will not police this but if a complaint is made, an inspection may be warranted.



What's New – Bumpers

R401 – Gaps

- Single large gap allowed this year, requires 5in. coverage from corner.

R402 – Padding

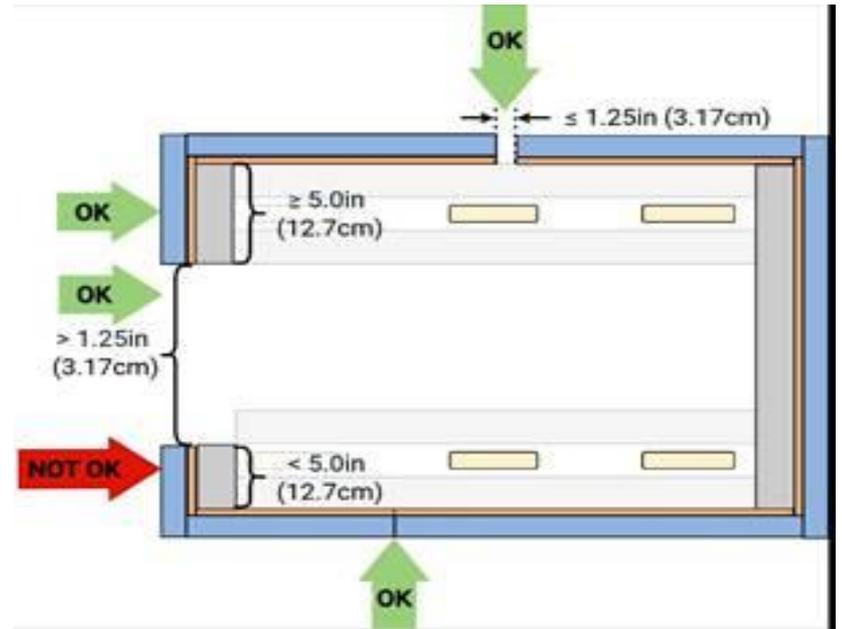
- Hollow noodles removed

R406 – Corners

- Padding bending around the corner permitted again

R412 – Numbers

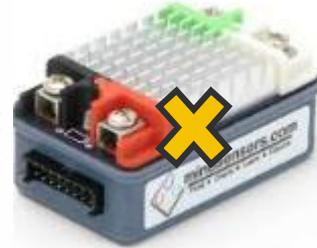
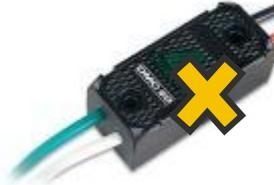
- Can be omitted on one side



What's New – Motors/Actuators

Motors/Controllers R501/R504/R505

- Removed
 - Nidec Dynamo
 - DMC60
 - Jaguar
 - SD540
 - Victor 884/888
- Added
 - The ThriftyBot Pulsar 775
 - NEO 2.0
 - Any brushed motor on a breaker $\leq 20A$



What's New – Power Distribution

Batteries – R601

- Vents may not be obstructed (e.g. tape). This matters for charging, not how it installs on robot

Power Distribution

- Added AndyMark PD (R601)
- Revised roboRIO and radio power rules to genericize (R615/R616/R617)
 - Connect directly to 10A or less protected port

Radio Power – R616

- Removed VRM and RPM as radio power options. Wire directly (to either 12V port or via PoE adapter cable)



What's New – Other

Radio – R703

- Reworked to try to improve clarity (including removal of VRM/RPM)
- VH-109 V1.5 radio (indicated by holo sticker) can connect roboRIO to roboRIO port directly

A Note On Main Circuit Breakers- R612

- The 120A circuit breaker must be quickly and safely accessible from the exterior of the ROBOT.
 - Please look at the blue box for examples that are NOT “quickly and safely accessible”.
 - As a rule of thumb, if something would go wrong would you trust a stranger to reach for your main breaker in a hectic environment. If not, ask the team to rethink the location.



For Construction Questions Please Email or Text

Steven Smith- PNW Senior LRI

- Mentor FRC 2903 & 5941
- stevengsmith71@gmail.com
- 425-346-2039

- When attempting contact, please mention who you are and which team you are affiliated with.

Nexus App

We will be the Nexus app at our events this year. We are hoping that it makes queueing easier both for teams and volunteers.

Note: **This does not replace the queueing volunteers. If a volunteer is asking you to queue, follow their direction please.**

With the queueing app, you will be able to:

- Set up notifications for up to 8 people
- Set up notifications for 1 channel (slack or discord)
- Anyone can look on their phone to see who is being queued

Nexus App continued...

New this year! You will be able to make parts requests through the Nexus App

You can find more info on how to use the app here: <https://frc.nexus/en/guide/team>

You will receive a QR code in your check in packet that will help you set up the team members to be notified.

Note: This is not an official FIRST app and we do not guarantee that it is accurate but hope as our queueing team gets comfortable with the app, it will be a helpful tool to teams. If a queuer comes to get you in your pit, please follow their instructions.

Test Area rules and changes

Test Area (Formerly called the practice field)

FIRST Robotics Competition events have TEST AREAS. TEST AREAS are areas at events where teams can test their ROBOT with representative FIELD elements. Teams may also be able to test their starting AUTO modes but TEST AREAS are not designed for full FIELD play such as AUTO modes that traverse larger areas of the FIELD or interact with multiple FIELD elements. TEST AREAS are tether-only. FUEL is not provided and if a team wishes to practice with FUEL, they must bring their own.

FIRST provides a recommended layout, but events may need to tweak exact placement depending on the space available in the venue. **Teams may not relocate elements from their original locations.** The layout is specifically intended to discourage testing of complex AUTO routines.

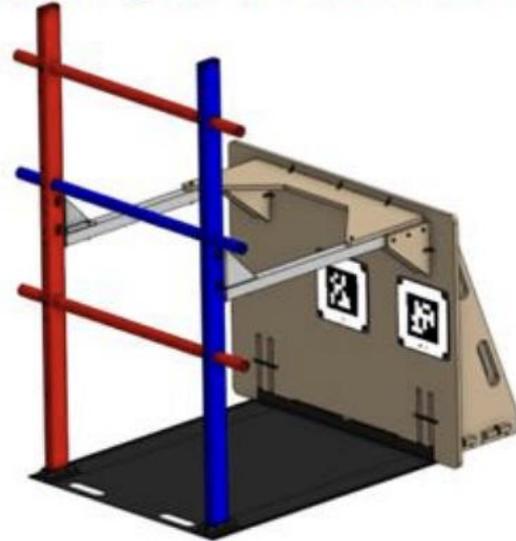
Test Area safety

There are safety concerns with the test area tower:

- There is no weight on the back of the tower to prevent tipping when a robot climbs
- A person (an adult from the team planning to hang on the tower) needs to stand on the back of the tower to prevent tipping
 - This person needs to be paying attention to what is going on with the robot to ensure safety

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Team Support – Test area

Because of the safety concerns with the tower, it is critical that the test area has an adult monitoring it at all times. We are working to staff it on competition days (Days 1 & 2) but need help on load in day (Day 0)

- We would like 1 team at each event to sign up to set up the test area as well as provide an adult to monitor that area once it is set up until pits close. Unlike in prior years, we will not be able to have the test area open if we don't have an adult volunteer monitoring the area.
- If you are willing to be one of our test area set up teams, please email Adrienne Collins at acollins@firstwa.org. Please include your team number and the event(s) you are willing to support in the subject line

Thank you all for your help keeping our students safe!

Drivers Meeting at 8:30 am Day 1

- The Drivers Meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am Day 1
- The Q & A will be handled a like last year
 - Pit Admin will have a paper Q & A forms
 - Team members can fill out the form with their questions and turn them in at Pit Admin
 - The deadline to turn in forms is **prior to pits closing Day 0**
 - Forms turned in on Day 1 may not be addressed at the drivers meeting
 - **Remember, judging and inspection are both happening during the morning as well. Make sure you have students in your pits.**

Alliance Selection summary

- At the end of the Qualification MATCHES, the top 8 ranked teams become the ALLIANCE Leads.
- The ranked ALLIANCES are designated, in order, ALLIANCE 1, ALLIANCE 2, etc., down to ALLIANCE 8.
- Using the ALLIANCE selection process described in section 10.6.1 of the game manual, each ALLIANCE Lead chooses 2 other teams to join their ALLIANCE.
- A break of 8 minutes (8:00) occurs between the posting of scores from the last qualification match (scheduled or replay, whichever comes later) and the start of the ALLIANCE Selection process for events that host Alliance Selection shortly after QUALIFICATION MATCHES.
- At the end of this break, ALLIANCE 1 is “on the clock” as defined in T605 in the game manual.
- Each team must choose and send a minimum of one and a maximum of three STUDENT team representatives. Representative(s) must report to the ARENA before the start of ALLIANCE Selection. See 10.6.1 in the game manual for more info on adult vs student representatives
 - Violation: Team is ineligible for the Playoff Tournament if they are not represented by the time they are announced.

Backups

If you are not chosen for an alliance, please stick around in the “alliance selection area” for a few moments. Our Lead Queuer will be coming around with a form asking if you can/will stay around to be a back up.

- Please be prepared to answer this question in the event you are not picked for an alliance
- IF you sign the form stating you will stay you need to commit to staying. If you leave, you may be depriving one of the competing teams of a 3rd alliance partner in the event they need a back up. If you are gone, they will **NOT** go to the next team in line.
- Be sure you understand your ranking at the end of alliance selection and are prepared to compete!
- Alliances, make sure you understand the rules for calling a back up.

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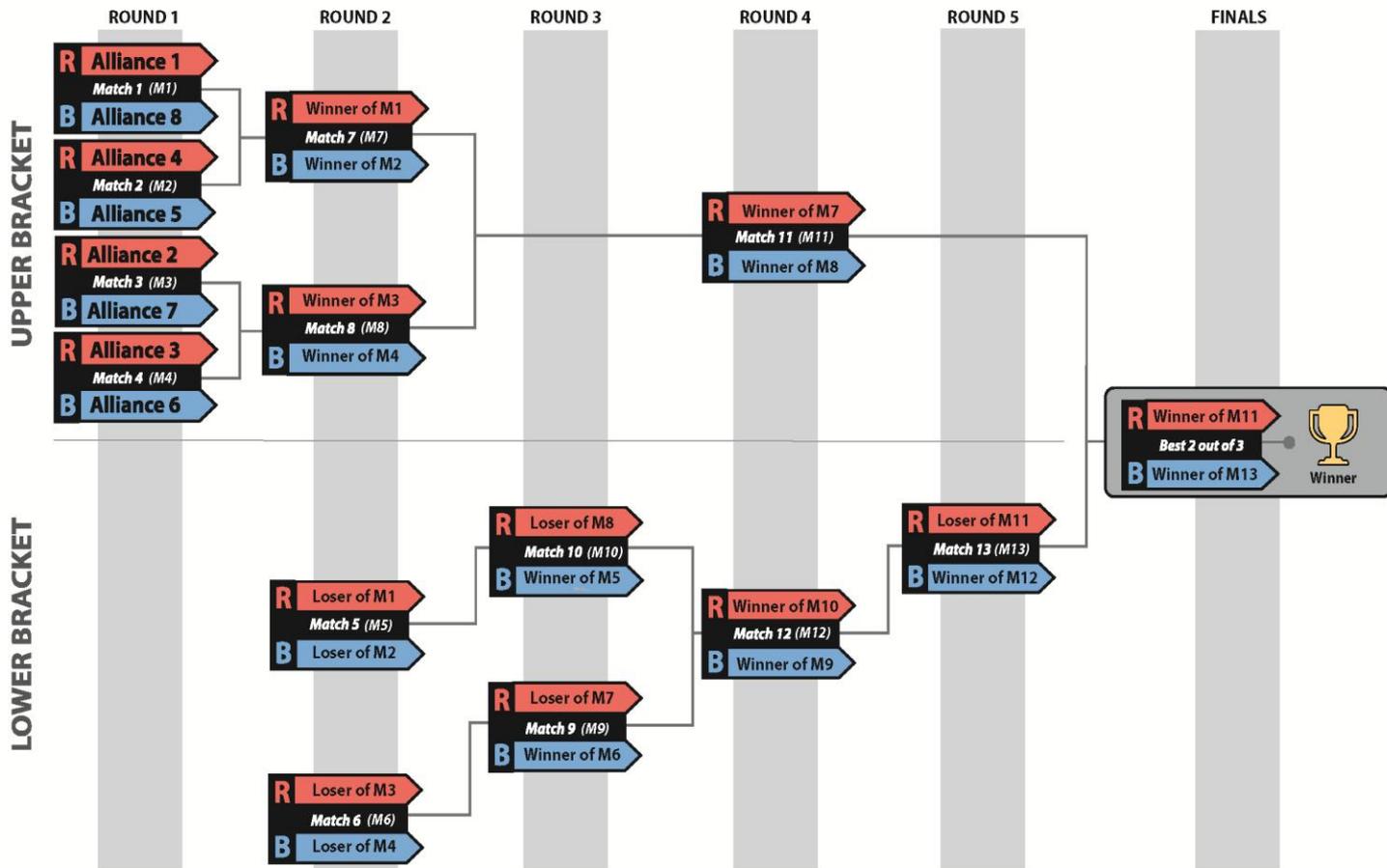
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Double Elimination Bracket



| Round | MATCH | Upper/ Lower | Gap (min) | | | | Next MATCH (MATCH # (ALLIANCE color)) | |
|---|-------|-----------------|--------------|-----|------|------|--|---------|
| | | | Blue | Red | Blue | Red | Winner | Loser |
| 1 | 1 | Upper | 8 | 1 | | | M7 (R) | M5 (R) |
| | 2 | Upper | 5 | 4 | | | M7 (B) | M5 (B) |
| | 3 | Upper | 7 | 2 | | | M8 (R) | M6 (R) |
| | 4 | Upper | 6 | 3 | | | M8 (B) | M6 (B) |
| 2 | 5 | Lower | L2 | L1 | 0:24 | 0:33 | M10 (B) | |
| | 6 | Lower | L4 | L3 | 0:15 | 0:24 | M9 (B) | |
| | 7 | Upper | W2 | W1 | 0:42 | 0:51 | M11 (R) | M9 (R) |
| | 8 | Upper | W4 | W3 | 0:33 | 0:42 | M11 (B) | M10 (R) |
| 3 | 9 | Lower | W6 | L7 | 0:24 | 0:15 | M12 (B) | |
| | 10 | Lower | W5 | L8 | 0:42 | 0:15 | M12 (R) | |
| 6-minute break | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 11 | Upper | W8 | W7 | 0:27 | 0:36 | M14 (R) | M13 (R) |
| | 12 | Lower | W9 | W10 | 0:27 | 0:18 | M13 (B) | |
| 15-minute awards break: Imagery, Gracious Professionalism, Team Spirit, and Rising All Star | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 13 | Lower | W12 | L11 | 0:18 | 0:27 | M14 (B) | |
| 15-minute awards break: Autonomous, Creativity, Quality, and Industrial Design | | | | | | | | |
| Finals | 14 | | W13 | W11 | 0:18 | 0:48 | M15 | M15 |
| 15-minute awards break: Innovation in Control, Excellence in Engineering, Team Sustainability, Judges | | | | | | | | |
| Finals | 15 | | W13 | W11 | 0:18 | 0:18 | M16* | M16* |
| 15-minute awards break: Rookie All Star, Dean's List, Engineering Inspiration** | | | | | | | | |
| Finals | 16* | | W13 | W11 | 0:18 | 0:18 | | |
| Awards: Remaining awards, Finalists, Winners, and FIRST Impact Award | | | | | | | | |

What to know – Playoff rounds

During the quarter & semi final rounds

- There is a upper bracket and a lower bracket so you will not play the same team in every match
- You are out after 2 losses
- There no more time outs
- There is one 6 minute break prior to the awards breaks
- Match cycle times will be slower than the qualification rounds

What to know – Playoff Rounds

During the finals rounds

- This round is the best 2 out of 3 (Does not matter if you have a loss from the quarter or semi final rounds)
- There are 15 minute breaks between each round
- We will hand out awards during the 15 minute breaks
 - There may be times when the awards take longer than 15 minutes, however, **the expectation is that your team will be prepared to take the field at the end of 15 minutes.**

What to know – Robot work area near field for playoffs

Because of the distance between the pits and field, some events allow teams to move tools closer to the field at some point during playoffs. Here is what you should know about these work areas:

- Teams will be given a designated space to work on their robot closer to the field
- Power is not guaranteed in this area so plan to charge batteries in your pit

What to know – Robot work area near field for playoffs

What you can bring to this area:

- Spare batteries
- Tool box
- Spare Parts
- All items must be able to be hand carried and/or fit on your robot cart

What you can not bring to this area:

- Rolling tool chests
- Field elements to use for practice
- Battery Chargers (unless approved by FIRST Washington Event Staff or FTA)

District Rankings

District Rankings are posted on the FIRST website. Our district has no control of this website

<https://frc-events.firstinspires.org/2026/district/PNW>

Another source of information is the Blue Alliance website

www.thebluealliance.com

Judging

- Team judging - Will be in person at events
- Impact Award – Will be in person at events
- Deans List Judging – Will be in person at events
 - Coaches were notified 2-11 which event their student(s) will be interviewed at.

Dean's List Awards

Dean's list judging is done via interviews.

Dean's list interviews occur on Day 1 of the event.

Your students will be interviewed at specific events. The team's main contact will be notified which event your students will be interviewed at.

Check with Pit Admin for details on the interview schedule

Each district event advances 2 Dean's List nominees to the District Championship as Semi-Finalists.

Dean's List nominees will be recognized at the event where they are interviewed

Advancing students are not required to attend District Championships. A remote interview will be scheduled in the event they can not attend.

4 students for 2026 will become Deans List Finalists and will be invited to World Championships in Houston

Woodie Flowers

We will celebrate Woodie Flowers Nominees at the event their team submitted them for.

2 Woodie Flowers Finalist's will be announced at the PNW District Championship.

Nominee's are not required to attend the District Championship **BUT** we do plan to have a breakfast at that event to recognize and celebrate all of our nominees!

- Each nominee can pick up an invitation either from Pit Admin or when they are recognized on the field at the event they were nominated for to get information on the breakfast including how to RSVP

Quiet room at events

FIRST has asked that we work to offer quiet rooms at all of our events. We need to have teams host these to be able to support FIRST's request. We will only offer a quiet room where we have a willing host. 5588 provides a tote on each truck with quiet room supplies and will be contacting our hosts this year to give information on what is expected of the quiet room host

Most events did not have a team sign up to host so please plan accordingly if there is not a quiet room at an event your team is attending and you have someone who needs this space. If you are interested in hosting a quiet room, please fill out [this form](#) prior to Feb 20th.

Week 1

Oregon State Fair– **Possibly 2990**

Bonney Lake - **No Host**

Week 2

Wilsonville - **No Host**

Glacier Peak – **No Host**

Week 3

SunDome - **No Host**

Sammamish – **No Host**

Week 4

Wilsonville – have an alternate viewing space that is quieter but no hosted quiet room

Auburn – Possibly 3219

Week 6

District Championships – **No Host**

Menstrual Equity at events

Menstrual Equity refers to the idea that everyone should be provided access to affordable menstrual hygiene products. Lack of access to products can cause discomfort and health risks such as reproductive tract infections and Toxic Shock Syndrome.

The goal of m.e. FIRST is to provide everybody with free pads and tampons at FRC competitions to remove the financial barriers related to menstruation.

How to Help?

Your team can help with this project by signing up as a m.e. FIRST Ambassador to assist in providing menstrual products available at your events. This includes placing menstrual products in the bathrooms and making care packages for teams to keep with them throughout the event. If you're interested or have any questions, please reach out to 2980m.e@gmail.com.

Menstrual Equity at events

Week 1

Oregon State Fair – 1540
Bonney Lake - 4450

Week 2

Wilsonville – 5937 & 5975
Glacier Peak – 2980

Week 3

SunDome - 4061
Sammamish – 2412 & 5937

Week 4

Clackamas – 5975
Auburn – 2980 & 4450

Week 6

District Championships – 2412
& 2980

Workshops at events

We have a few teams who have asked to host workshops at events. Though we are still working on approval for some venues, I want to share what we are hoping to be able to offer. Confirmed workshops will be in our site specific PowerPoint. At this time, the deadline has passed for workshop requests, so we don't anticipate any additional workshops

Week 1

Oregon State Fair:

- Leadership Listening with Adrienne Collins

Bonney Lake:

- Leadership Listening with Eric Stokely & Alida Mendes-MacCracken
- GEMS (Gender Equity Movement in STEM) hosted by 948 & 9036
- Advocacy 101 hosted by 2412

Week 2

Wilsonville

- Leadership Listening with Adrienne Collins & Bobbi Kelly (possibly)

Glacier Peak

- Leadership Listening with Jacque Grimm
- GEMS (Gender Equity Movement in STEM) hosted by 948 & 9036
- Team Sustainability Workshop hosted by 1899
- LEGO Camps 101: Building teams brick by brick hosted by 2980

Workshops at events cont...

Week 3

SunDome

- Leadership Listening Session with Adrienne Collins & Eric Stokely

Sammamish

- Leadership Listening Session with Jacque Grimm & Eric VanBuren
- GEMS (Gender Equity Movement in STEM) hosted by 948 & 9036
- Advocacy 101 hosted by 2412
- Team Sustainability hosted by 1899

Week 4

Clackamas Academy

- Leadership Listening Session with Adrienne Collins
- Business/Fundraising Class hosted by 2635

Auburn

- Leadership Listening with Jacque Grimm
- GEMS (Gender Equity Movement in STEM) hosted by 948 & 9036
- LEGO Camps 101: Building teams brick by brick hosted by 2980

Week 6

We will publicize when we are closer to the event

FIRSTWA Listening Session

Hosted by FIRSTWA staff and community members

FIRSTWA strives to make your team's experience the best it can be!

Support us in this mission by dropping by our listening session and telling us:

- What is working for your team
- What has negatively impacted your team
- Where you most need support



Sessions will be held at all FRC District Events and the District Championship Event.

Please see the individual event schedules for workshop date and time.

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OUR MISSION

GEMS is dedicated to empowering underrepresented students in STEM through impactful communication, confidence-building, self-awareness, and navigating microaggression. By providing workshops meant to build confidence and inspiration, we try to break down barriers, elevate voices and bridge the gap felt by gender minorities in STEM.

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EQUITY for
MINORITIES in
STEAM



Join us to learn about Gender Equity in STEAM!

gemsfirstrobotics.framer.website



wins.firstrobotics@gmail.com



[@gems.firstrobotics](https://www.instagram.com/gems.firstrobotics)



GOALS

By the end of the next 2 years, GEMS hopes to reach and provide mentorship to 500 gender minorities, increase their leadership roles by 20%, and provide help to gender minorities out of Washington.



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2412 PRESENTS...

Advocacy Workshop!

an interactive presentation with **strategies** and **advice** to advocate for **STEM education** and **team needs** (funding, club space, STEM credit, etc.) brought to you by Team 2412, the Robototes, who have held several **previous advocacy conferences** and used these strategies to **testify in favor of multiple bills!**

includes:

- ✓ WRITING/DRAFTING PRESENTATION
- ✓ HOW TO IDENTIFY AND BUILD ASKS
- ✓ OVERVIEW OF U.S. AND WA GOVERNMENT
- ✓ TIPS AND ADVICE FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND CONGRESSMEN



Sustainability Workshop

Presented by Saints Robotics 1899

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LEGO CAMPS 101



Building teams brick by brick

Workshop by the Whidbey Island Wildcats, Team 2980
Learn to plan, advertise, design and run your very own Lego camps!



Email: ohhs2980@gmail.com

Instagram: [whidbey_island_robotics_club](https://www.instagram.com/whidbey_island_robotics_club)



WHIDBEY ISLAND WILDCATS

Business Class @ Clackamas Academy of Industrial Sciences

Hosted By: Lake Monsters 2635

Need help with fundraising/fun development/sponsorships?

- Come join the Lake Monsters to learn more about how to fundraise and engage with the community.
- All teams are welcome to come and listen!
- Reach out to the Lake Monsters for any questions:
lakemonsters2635@gmail.com



Activities at all District events (Schedule will differ for DCMP)

Day 1

- 1:00 PM – Sr Photo on comp field
- End of matches – Alumni Photo on comp field

Day 2

- 7:00 AM – Mentor Coffee
- 8:45 AM Line up for Mascot Parade

We want your Alumni!

Whether they have been involved in a PNW *FIRST* team or one from another area – we invite you to join us and be recognized at the end of competition Day 1

Alumni that register their contact info at Pit Admin will receive a gift after they register

Please spread the word among your Alumni students.

We LOVE seeing our Alumni come back and volunteer!!!

Event Specific Activities

Week 1

Oregon State Fair

- Working on a College Fair (more info closer to event)

Week 2

Wilsonville

- Make your own Tiara table hosted by 6696
- Helping Hands table hosted by 2635

Glacier Peak

- Unified Robotics Table

Week 3

SunDome

- Unified Robotics Table
- Lego Build Space hosted by 1595
- Working on a College Fair (more info closer to event)

Week 6

DCMP

- Mentor Lounge hosted by 2046
- Coaches after hours social hosted by 9613

Tiara Day!

Team 6696 is hosting a
make-your-own tiara table!
Feel free to stop by and make
a tiara to celebrate women in
FIRST and STEM!



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Unified Robotics

Help us spread STEM to people of
all abilities!

Visit us to learn what Unified Robotics (UR) is, why you should consider participating in UR, and how you can start UR teams!

(We also have freebies!)

Helping Hands Table @Willsonville

By: Lake Monsters 2635

Need help with programming during FRC competitions?

- Hosted by The Oregon Alliance and sponsored by the Lake Monsters, visit the helping hands table!

Layout

- There is a table up front with runners that are able to get experienced programming members to help teams that are in need of programming help
- Will be available for the whole of the competition

*If your team is interested in volunteering to help, all teams are welcome to sign up! Reach out to lakemonsters2635media@gmail.com



LEGO® Build Space

Team 1595 will host an activity space open to children in the afternoon for open play during qualification matches. There will also be information on how to start and mentor a Lego League team.



Accommodations at events

In the PNW, we work VERY hard to make sure everyone has a great experience at our events.

- We offer all gender bathrooms at most events
- We provide an open captioning TV at all 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. **Don't email the venue directly** and don't wait until you arrive to let us know your need. Here are some examples of accommodations your team could ask for:

- Prayer space for team members
- Wheel chair seating for team members in stands where team can sit together
- Interpreter badges for drive team members that are deaf/hard of hearing

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.

Advancing to District Championship

The 2026 District Championships will be at Eastern Washington University

50 of our 126 teams will advance to the District Championship

- 8 teams advance based on the District Event Impact award
- 42 teams advance based on their total district point ranking

***New this year, teams will be charged a \$4000 District Championship registration fee. (We will go over more info on this process during our District Championship briefing 3-17)

Advancing to District Championship – Engineering Inspiration & Rookie All-Star

Teams that win the Engineering Inspiration and Rookie All-Star awards will be invited to District Championships **to compete for those awards**.

You must qualify via one of the methods in the previous slide to compete with your robot.

If you do not qualify with your robot, you are invited to attend District Championships, but it is not required. We will set up a remote interview with the judges if your team chooses not to attend.

You will not be charged a District Championship registration fee if you do choose to attend since you are not competing with your robot

If you qualify for Championships via the Engineering Inspiration or Rookie All-Star award, you **will** be invited to compete in Houston with your robot!

District Championship Registration

The lead and alternate mentor will receive an email from Adrienne Collins no later than the Monday morning after you qualify for District Championships (for most teams, this is the Monday after the week 4 events.)

The email will contain a link to a survey that the lead or alternate mentor will need to fill out to either accept or decline their District Championship spot.

The survey will need to be filled out prior to **3:00 pm pacific time the Tuesday** after you have qualified for the event.

- We know it is a short amount of time, but we need time to ask the next team on the list in the event a team can't attend.

For some teams, this may fall during spring break. **Please plan ahead!**

We will be having a District Championship briefing on Tuesday, March 17. [Click here](#) for the meeting link to the briefing

Advancing to World Championships

The PNW has been allocated 21 slots at the World Championships in Houston

Advancing to World Championships will be

- 2 FIRST Impact award teams
- 2 Engineering Inspiration teams
- 1 Rookie All Star team
- Winning Alliance
- 13 teams based on their total district qualification points (unless winning alliance is 4 teams, then it is 12)

As individuals, we are sending:

- 4 Dean's List Finalists
- 2 Woodie Flowers Finalists

Teams will be responsible for the \$5,750 registration fee

- Payment is made to *FIRST* Washington
- Dean's list and Woodie Flowers Finalists have no registration fee
- There is no NASA grant for Engineering Inspiration teams that qualify

Registering for World Championships

The registration process will be similar to the District Championship Registration process

- Advancing teams will be announced at PNW District Championships (provided the District Ranking software is up and running)
- You will have the opportunity to register for Championships at Pit Admin after the awards ceremony is completed
- Teams who do not register at District Championships will receive an email with a registration link no later than Monday morning after District Championships
- The registration form will need to be filled out and payment arrangements will need to be made no later than 5:00 pm EST Tuesday, April 14

ICE at events

FIRST events are public gatherings subject to applicable laws. We work with venue operators and local authorities on event safety and comply with all lawful requirements. Teams should ensure they have emergency communication plans with families, and we will update our safety resources in the coming weeks for teams to use in their preparations to attend.

ICE at events

Because the majority of our events are at high schools, we are working with the school districts and will be following their policy in the event ICE or Border Control Officers arrive at the events

For the events in public venues, we will work directly with the venue to coordinate and ensure the safety of our participants

FIRST Washington Safety Plan for events

Event Safety Information

FIRST Washington events will follow the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) to manage incident responses



What should coaches do?

- Remind your team of existing safety plans
- Identify a team assembly point outside each event venue
 - This is where team members can meet up in case of an evacuation
 - It may also be a good place to meet before leaving the venue
- Tell your team about the SRP

What is the SRP?

Rather than a different response for every scenario, the SRP provides specific vocabulary for just 5 actions that can be used to respond to a variety of scenarios

Learn more at iloveugguys.org

Posters will be placed in key locations at events explaining the 5 actions



HOLD



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LOCKDOWN



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Hold

Announcement:

Hold in your room or area. Clear the halls.

Hold in your room or area. Clear the halls.



Why?

Clear hallways or walking paths; e.g. allow EMS access

Secure



Announcement:

Secure! Get Inside. Lock outside doors.

Secure! Get Inside. Lock outside doors.

Why?

Protect those inside a building from an *outside* threat; e.g. suspicious persons

Lockdown



Announcement:

Lockdown! Locks, Lights, Out of Sight!

Lockdown! Locks, Lights, Out of Sight!

Why?

Protect those inside a building from an *internal* threat; e.g. an active shooter

Evacuate



Announcement:

Evacuate! To [a location].

Evacuate! To [a location].

e.g. Evacuate to your team's assembly point

Why?

Move people from one location to another *in*
or out of the building

Shelter



Announcement:

Shelter! For [a hazard]. [Use safety strategy].

Shelter! For [a hazard]. [Use safety strategy].

e.g. Shelter for an Earthquake. Drop, Cover, and Hold

Why?

Direct people to perform a protective action

First Force Scrimmage - Sunday Feb 22nd Corvallis High School

- Full field scrimmage - with nearly a full field of fuel
- Come test your robot
- Registration \$100 Rookie teams 2025 or 2026 free
- [Register today!](#)
- Questions Denise Cardinali
[@denise@firstforceteams.org](mailto:denise@firstforceteams.org) or 541-602-1772



General Questions are now welcome

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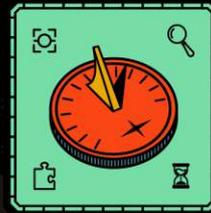
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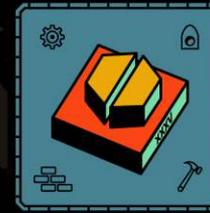


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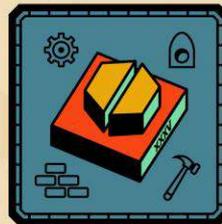


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