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FIRSTWA FTC Coaches Meeting

September 8th, 2026

Agenda

- Communication Reminder
- Kickoffs this Weekend
- Season Registration
- Recap: FIRSTWA Changes for the 26-27 Season
- Season Calendar
- Preliminary Event Dates

Communication Reminder

- Please send all FTC-related emails to ftc@firstwa.org
- Emails sent only to Kevin Emery (kemery@firstwa.org) may be missed, as I won't be super available starting in Late September/Early October
 - My wife and I are expecting our first child
 - Emails sent to me may be accidentally ignored, and will almost definitely not receive a timely response

Kickoff Registration

- FTC Kickoff is this Saturday!
- We have 5 kickoff events around the state.
- Full information and registration available at <https://firstwa.org/event/ftc-kickoff/>
- If the registration form still lists an event, it has not yet filled to capacity
 - That's currently all of them!
 - All kickoffs have multiple teams registered

Season Registration

Remember to register with FIRST HQ and FIRSTWA

FIRST HQ Registration

- Log in at <https://my.firstinspires.org/Dashboard/>
- Cost is **\$350** paid through the FIRST Storefront
- More information available at <https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/ftc/cost-and-registration>

Note: FIRST updated the dashboard this year and is working through some growing pains. Please don't delay going through this!

FIRSTWA Registration

- Fill out the FIRST Washington Registration Form
 - Much shorter than previous years, please fill out as soon as you can so we have accurate numbers for planning
- Registration cost is **\$925/team**
- More information and link available at <https://firstwa.org/ftc-registration/>

FIRSTWA Grant

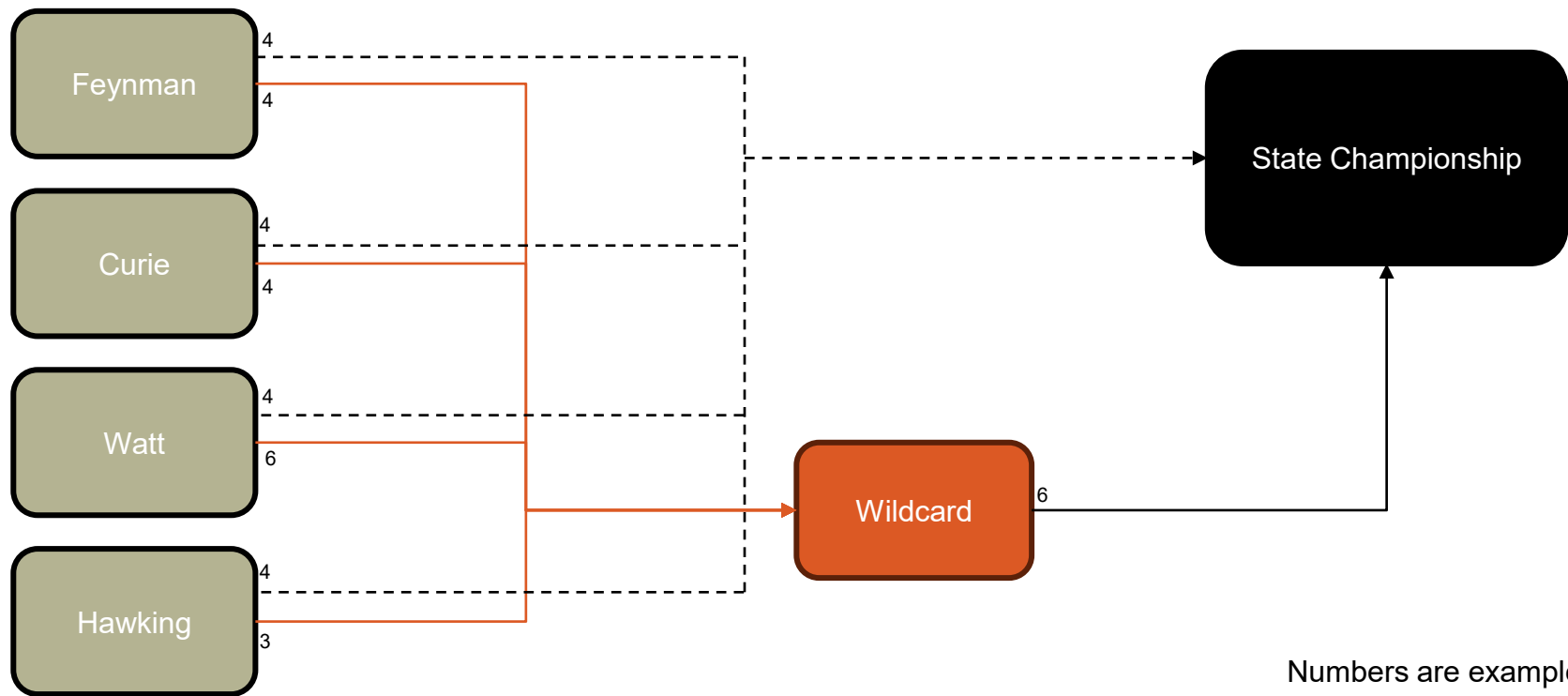
- Application opens **Monday, September 14th**
- Application closes **Monday, October 5th**
- This is a separate form than the FIRSTWA Registration Form
- Anyone who wants to be considered for funding from FIRSTWA in the 26-27 season needs to apply
- Full information at <https://firstwa.org/firstwa-grant/>

Registration Deadlines

- Deadline for registration is **Friday, September 25th**
- All teams who register with either FIRST or FIRSTWA will be assigned to a league
 - FIRST Registration requires payment to be secured
 - FIRST Washington Registration does not require immediate payment. Invoices will be sent to teams in early October
- A team's league assignment will not be published until they have registered with both FIRST and FIRSTWA

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Numbers are examples only

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- FTC State will be a two-day event this year
 - Day One: Judging, Inspection, Practice Matches, Qualification Matches
 - Day Two: Qualification Matches, Alliance Selection, Playoffs, Awards
 - We are finalizing the details for a hotel block for State

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Season Calendar

2026 - 2027 FIRSTWA FTC Season Calendar

- September 12th: FTC Kickoff
- September 14th: FIRSTWA Grant Application Opens
- September 25th: FIRSTWA Registration Deadline
- September 29th: Home League Assignments Posted
- September 29th - October 1st: League Preference Window
- October 2nd: Final League Assignments Posted
- October 5th: FIRSTWA Grant Application Closes
- October 13th: October Coaches Meeting

2026 - 2027 FIRSTWA FTC Season Calendar

- October 24th - November 22nd: League Meets
- December 5th - December 13th: League Tournaments
- December 15th: FIRST Leadership Award Submissions Due
- Early-Mid January: FIRST Leadership Award Interviews
- January 16th: Wildcard Tournament (Maple Valley)
- January 23rd - 24th: State Championship (Seattle, Amazon Meeting Center)
- April 28th - May 1st: FIRST Championship

Preliminary Event Dates

**Not all events are scheduled. Anything not finalized is not represented here*

**We have not finalized league pairings. Do not assume you will be in the same league, or that each league will have the same League Tournament as last year*

League Meet Event Dates

10/24	10/25	10/31	11/1	11/7	11/8	11/14	11/15	11/21	11/22
Giblett	Brattain	Agnesi	Knuth	Lamarr	Ritchie	Noddack	Brattain	Agnesi	Knuth
Noddack	Maxwell	Bardeen	Spencer	Lovelace		Salk	Maxwell	Bardeen	Turing
	Ritchie	Salk	Turing				Spencer	Giblett	
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								Lovelace	

Note: All currently-scheduled leagues are in the same area as the past (if not the same venues)

League Tournament Event Dates

12/5	12/6	12/12	12/13
Feynman	Pasteur	Curie	Hawking
<i>Mill Creek</i>	<i>Mill Creek</i>	<i>Kennewick</i>	<i>Snoqualmie</i>
		Watt	Tesla
		<i>Olympia</i>	<i>Issaquah</i>
		Wu	
		<i>Bonney Lake</i>	

Questions

Please send all emails to

ftc@firstwa.org