

Agenda

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Season Timeline

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OCT 20 – Tournament Registration Opens

NOV 6 – Receive tournament placements & Payment information

NOV 20 – 3rd play placements complete, if space is available

DEC-FEB – Competitions Begin (leagues start earlier)

DEC 15 – FLA Nominations Due

JAN 16 – FLA Remote Interview Event, Finalists announced at State

MAR 11-13 – Ohio Championship

APR 28 – FIRST Championship

AUG – Off season events, details to come

FTC Competitions

- Central Ohio League Meet 1 – OCT 24, 2026
- Dayton Scrimmage #2 – OCT 24, 2026
- Central Ohio League Meet 2 – NOV 14, 2026
- Loveland Scrimmage – NOV 15, 2026
- Dayton Scrimmage #3 – NOV 21, 2026
- CSU & CMSD Qualifier – DEC 1, 2026
- Central Ohio League Meet 3 – DEC 5, 2026
- Miami University Scrimmage – DEC 5, 2026
- Dayton Qualifier – DEC 12, 2026
- Central Ohio Olentangy Qualifier – DEC 12, 2026
- Central Ohio League Tournament – DEC 19, 2026
- NEOH League Tournament – DEC 19, 2026
- Lebanon Qualifier – JAN 23, 2027
- Van Wert Qualifier – JAN 30, 2027
- Lodi Family Center Cloverleaf Qualifier – FEB 6, 2027
- Miami University Qualifier – FEB 13, 2027
- Kent State University Qualifier – FEB 13, 2027
- Kirtland Qualifier – FEB 20, 2027
- FTC Ohio Championship – MAR 13, 2027

https://wpafbstem.com/FTC/FTC_tournaments.html

<https://ftc-events.firstinspires.org/#allevents>

Event Registration

- \$100 per play again this season
- OCT 20 – receive email with form to rank preferences
- 1st and 2nd play choice determined by NOV 6
- 3rd play choice filled later based on open spots
- Payment must be complete 2 weeks prior to competition



- All events need volunteers
- Share with coworkers, family and teammates
- Volunteer





Season Changes

Competition Manual Updates

- **Section 1 – The Spirit of the Competition:** Every student, mentor, coach, and volunteer must read this section, which outlines what it means to be a *FIRST* Team. This section includes the Competition Integrity Contract, which outlines principles to protect the integrity of the competition while providing a great experience for teams at all levels.
- **Section 3 – Inspection:** Additional information about what to expect during the inspection process
- **Section 6 – Awards:** Changes to the Initial Interview structure
- **Section 12 – Robot Construction Rules:** Many robot rules have been reorganized to match the additions in section 1

Best practices were removed to focus on rules – best practices will be included in educational resources on our website

Several rules have been combined and/or simplified

- The Competition Manual is updated weekly throughout the season to improve the clarity and intent of rules, and to fix any errors found. When the manual is updated a Team Update (TU) document is published which shows a summary of the changes. Adults can sign up to get an email notification for all Team Updates.
ftc.game/tu-combined links to a PDF of all the team updates this season.

- Team Q&A is available for teams to ask questions about things they believe are not already clarified by the rules. Answers may point teams to a specific rule or sometimes questions will result in a Competition Manual update.
At events, the Head Referee and Event Director make the final decision based on the Competition Manual Rules.

- Instructions:

ftc.game/q-a-help

Log in here: <https://ftc.game/qa>

Team Calls

- These are for *YOU!*
- Register to join a call and get help from *FIRST* Tech Challenge experts



Topic	Date	Time
FIRST Leadership Award	Thursday, October 15, 2026	8-8:55 PM ET
	Thursday, December 3, 2026	8-8:55 PM ET
Judging, Gameplay, and General Support	Thursday, October 22, 2026	8-8:55 PM ET
	Thursday, November 12, 2026	8-8:55 PM ET
	Thursday, January 7, 2027	7-7:55 PM ET



Team Call Schedule



Award Rule Changes

Section 6: Awards (A)

Structured Interviews will now be referred to as “**Initial Interviews.**” Initial Interviews may be conducted in one of three formats:

Scheduled in-person: scheduled interview time with the Judges in a dedicated judging space

Unscheduled in-person: unscheduled interview time, interview takes place in the pit area or in a dedicated judging space

Remote: scheduled interview with Judges held online via a video conferencing platform

PORTFOLIOS may only include content from January 1, 2026 or later. This universal date helps Judges and Teams understand what content can be included in the Portfolio. Teams may include content from before January 1, 2026 to use as a reference point to show current seasons progress, however it will not be considered as an in-season accomplishment



Quick Links

Rules Changes

ftc.game	Game and Season Page
ftc.game/manual	Competition Manual PDF
ftc.game/cm-html	Competition Manual HTML
ftc.game/cm-html#R104	Direct Rule Linking (Example Rule R104)
ftc.game/field	Playing Field Resources, Field CAD
ftc.game/team	Team Resources, StarterBot Links
ftc.game/volunteer	Volunteer Resources (coming soon)
ftc.game/event	Event Resources (coming soon)
ftc.events	FTC Event Listing and Results
ftc-scoring.firstinspires.org/	Avatars, Hybrid Judging, Premier Event Preferencing
ftc.game/calculator	Practice Scoring Calculator

Ohio Links

<https://wpafbstem.com/FTC/FTC.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/AFRLSTEMoutreach>

[Discord – Ohio FTC Pits](#)

Important Ohio Contacts

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QUESTIONS?