



# Start a Team

*FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Tech Challenge engages students in thrilling robotics competition. Teams of students ages 12-18 design, build, code, and operate robots to compete against the clock to earn the highest score. Participants and alumni have access to education and career discovery opportunities, connections to scholarships and employers, and a place in the *FIRST* community for life.

## 1 CONTACT US

- ▶ [www.firstinspires.org/FTC-get-started](http://www.firstinspires.org/FTC-get-started)
- ▶ 800-871-8326
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## 2 BUILD YOUR TEAM

- ▶ Up to 15 team members
- ▶ At least 2 adult mentor/coaches\*
- ▶ Meeting and build space



\*Team coaches and mentors must complete Youth Protection Screening

## 3 REGISTER

- ▶ Visit [www.firstinspires.org/register](http://www.firstinspires.org/register) to create your *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> account, set up your new team profile, and purchase your season registration and necessary materials.

## 4 BUILD

- ▶ Review the season materials and design, construct, and program your robot to compete in the season game.
- ▶ Document your work in an engineering portfolio.

## 5 COMPETE IN AN EVENT

- ▶ Compete at official *FIRST* events, which may include physical, remote, or a combination of physical and remote elements.



For more information on fundraising, registration, scholarships, and other resources, visit:  
**[WWW.FIRSTINSPIRES.ORG/FTC-GET-STARTED](http://WWW.FIRSTINSPIRES.ORG/FTC-GET-STARTED)**



# Season Timeline

**MAY**

Registration  
for the season  
opens



**SEPTEMBER**

Season  
Kickoff



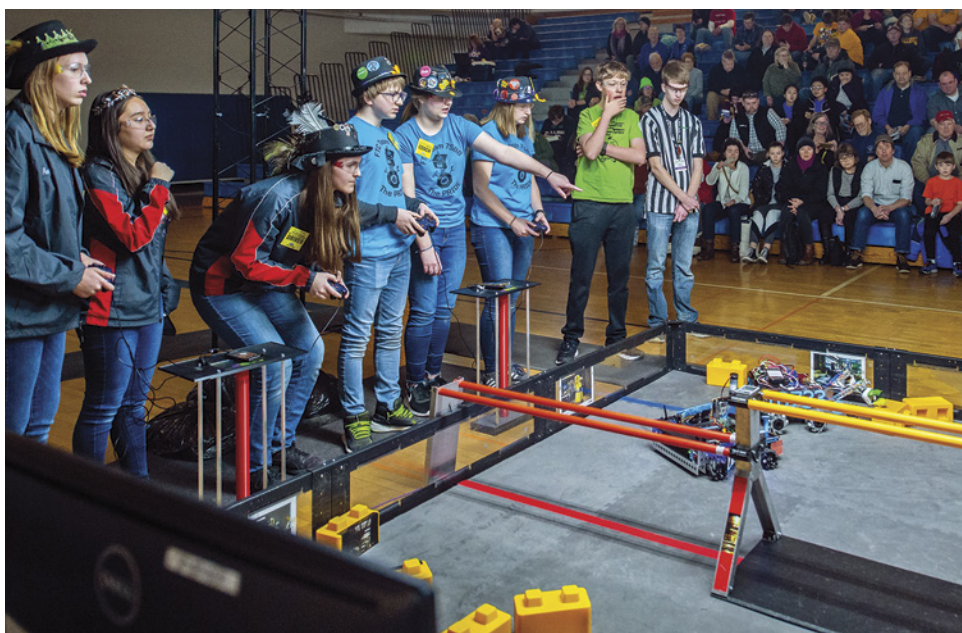
**OCTOBER-MARCH**

Local and regional  
competitive events



**APRIL**

*FIRST*<sup>®</sup>  
Championship



***FIRST* is a robotics community that prepares young people for the future.**

*FIRST* is the world's leading youth-serving nonprofit advancing STEM education. Through a suite of inclusive, team-based robotics programs for ages 4-18, *FIRST* has a proven impact on learning, interest, and skill-building inside and outside of the classroom, creating the people who will change the world – today and tomorrow.



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| Our Future: **Built Better Together**

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