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NorCal FTC Kick-Off

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Welcome

**Welcome to the 2022-2023
FIRST Tech Challenge
PowerPlay Season!**

Thank You Knights Academy

THANK YOU

for making your school available for this year's POWER PLAY Kick-Off!!!

Thank you Annette Lane for rising to the call for potential Kick-Off site hosts!

NorCal FTC Sponsors!

Excited to have returning and new program sponsors!!!



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| DESIGN BUILD

Our Agenda - too much to cover & not enough time!

8:45	Welcome
9:00	FIRST Tech Challenge Kick-Off Stream
9:30	NorCal Announcements & Season Updates
10:00	POWER PLAY Q&A With our NorCal Head Referees
11:00	Field Inspection
11:45	Cleanup & Pack out

It's Time to Join the Stream!!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkWMXdRQr5yoZRz7gFYyRcw>

It's Live!!!

- All Game Materials should be live on FIRST website
 - <https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/ftc/game-and-season-info>
- Note new Tech Documentation site
 - <https://ftc-docs.firstinspires.org/>

NorCal FTC Announcements & Updates

- An Apology
- Playing At Learning is Hiring!
- New Qualifier Registration Process
- Tournament Registration Costs
- Limited # of QT Plays
- League Pilot Status
- Rookie Coach Seminar/Workshop
- World Championship Status
- REV Control Hub & Expansion Hub Status

Apologies for the Registration Shutdown

- More demand than we expected!
- We were caught off guard by the late surge in registration
 - hard to adapt to such a surge in a short time!
- Help us in the future by responding earlier
 - could have attempted to find other spaces with enough notice!

We are Hiring!

- Playing At Learning is adding staff!
 - 2-3 part-time positions opening soon
- An opportunity to be a part of the team that makes it all happen!!
- Stay tuned for more info and announcements!

New Qualifier Registration Process - Current Plan

- Still “Wave Based”
 - 1-2 months of events in a group/wave
 - might have only 1 group, covering ALL events! (i.e. entire season)
 - 1st play, 2nd play, etc
- Rank Your Team’s Preferences for group
 - 1 to N
- Random Sort of Teams for Period
- Teams processed one-by-one
 - registered for first available event based on ranked preference
- Teams need to be prepared to play early!

Tournament Registration Fees - Current Plan

- League Play
 - \$300 per team
- Qualifying Tournaments
 - \$175 - 1st play
 - \$200 - 2nd play
 - \$225 - 3rd play
- Championship Tournament
 - estimating \$350
- Above all subject to change as we work through understanding registration, the new league model and new sponsors!

Qualifying Tournament Play Limitations

- Short on Tournament Sites
 - host sites still affected by COVID restrictions
 - 2-3 host sites moved to League Play
- Currently 7 QTs in various stages of confirmation
 - Enough for 1 play per team at current growth target
 - NEED MORE
 - 7-10 more to get to 2 plays per team
- Contact us if you are:
 - a veteran team willing to host (even if you don't have a venue)
 - any team with a possible venue (even if you can't host)

League Pilot Status

- Three League Groupings Identified
 - 2 “stand-alone” ~ 16 teams each
 - Sacramento/North/East
 - Peninsula
 - 1 “metro league” ~28 teams
 - South Bay
- Invitations going out now to teams that expressed interest
- The League Interest Survey is still open
 - we will invite teams as space is available in the Leagues

Rookie Coach Workshop/Webinar

- Still being planned
- Options
 - Webinar
 - In-person Workshop
 - planning to record for those that can't join in person
- “Soon”

World Championship Status

- April 19-23, 2023 in Houston
- World Championship Growing
 - Was 160 teams in 2 divisions
 - Will be 192 teams in 4 divisions
 - more growth possible in future
 - will need MANY additional volunteers
- Our Allocation
 - 4 teams (up from 3 last year)

REV Control & Expansion Hub Status

- Limited supply
 - ~2000 in production
 - allocated to rookie teams & class packs
 - backorders start filling in late-September
 - only available through FIRST storefront
- Hoping for next order in October
 - Still short 1 chip for production to start
- SHARE THE SPARE

Q&A w/ NorCal Experts

- Head Refs - Jeff Greene & Rick Swan
- World Judge Advisor - Jill Wilker
- Game Designer & Chief Ref - Mark Edelman
- Come to the Microphone to Ask Questions
 - form a line behind the mic
- Students only
- One question at a time
 - move to the back of the line for additional Q's

Q&A w/ NorCal Head Referees

- Answers are not “official”
 - best understanding of game & rules
- Official Answers
 - FTC Forum Q&A - <https://ftc-qa.firstinspires.org>
 - Scheduled to open 9/20
- Monthly Team Gameplay Calls
 - Watch FTC Team Blasts for additional info & dates

Some Tips from the Global Chief Ref

- Read the FTC Manual!
 - several changes to “usual” items
- Keep Up with the FTC Q&A!
- For League Pilot Teams
 - make sure to read & understand the new format!
 - make sure that you are helping the League succeed!
- Some key updates
 - Ranking back to Win/Tie/Loss for traditional events
 - No more Timeouts!