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# NorCal FTC Kick-Off

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## NorCal FTC Sponsors!

Excited to have returning and new program sponsors!





**Welcome!**

**Welcome to the 2023-2024  
FIRST Tech Challenge  
CENTERSTAGE Season!**



# Today's Agenda - too much to cover & not enough time!!!

8:45	Welcome
9:00	FIRST Tech Challenge Kick-Off Video
9:30	NorCal Announcements & Season Updates
10:00	CENTERSTAGE Q&A with our NorCal Head Referees
10:30	Field Walkthrough
11:00	Workshops
noon	Lunch Break
12:30	Workshops
1:30	Workshops



## All Materials Now 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 & Season Updates

- Qualifier Registration Process
- Tournament Registration Costs
- Limited # of QT Plays
- League Status
- World Championship Status
- Advancement Changes
- REV Control/Expansion Hub Status



## Qualifier Registration Process - Current Plan

- “Wave Based”
  - 1 months of events per group/wave
  - 1st event reg, 2nd event reg, etc
- Rank Your Team’s Preferences for group
  - 1 to N
- Can register out of date order - 1st, 2nd do not have to be chronological
- Random Sort of Teams for wave
- Teams processed one-by-one
  - registered for first available event based on ranked preference
- Teams need to be prepared to play early!



# Qualifier Registration Process - Current Plan

	Preferences window: note your team's preferences from Team Status Page	Events Assigned from Priority Requests	General Registration (self registration)	Who Participates?
<b>November Events</b>				
Preference Registration	Oct 16th at 9:00a thru Oct 19th at 9:00a	Oct 19th		Everyone
General Registration			Oct 19th at 5:00p	Everyone - open to 1st or 2nd event registrations, November events only
<b>December Events</b>				
Preference Registration - 1st event	Oct 23rd at 9:00a thru Oct 26th at 9:00a	Oct 26th		Everyone who has not yet registered for an event
General Registration			Oct 26th at 5:00p	Everyone who has not yet registered for an event
Preference Registration - 2nd event	Nov 6th at 9:00a thru Nov 10th at 9:00a	Nov 10th		Everyone who would like to register for a 2nd event in December
General Registration			Nov 10th at 5:00p	Everyone - open to 1st or 2nd event registrations, Nov & Dec events only



## Tournament Registration Fees

- League Play
  - \$300 per team
- Qualifying Tournaments - tentative
  - \$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 Plays Limited

- Short on Tournament Sites
  - host sites still affected by COVID restrictions
  - 2-3 host sites now part of League Play
  - sites undergoing renovations
- Currently 8 QTs in various stages of confirmation
  - <1 play per team at current growth target
  - NEED MORE!!
    - 12-14 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 Status

- Potential League Groupings Identified
  - 2-4 “stand-alone” ~ 16 teams each
    - Sacramento/North/East
    - Peninsula
    - *maybe* South Bay (2?) - maybe - need organizers and teams!
- Invitations going out now to teams that expressed interest
- The League Interest Survey is still open
  - will close in 1 week!
- Want to know more about League Play - *come to the session!!*



## World Championship Status

- April 17-20, 2024 in Houston
- FTC World Championship Growing
  - Was 192 teams in 4 divisions in 2023
  - Will be 224 teams in 4 divisions for 2024
  - registration fee increased to \$2500/team
  - will need MANY additional volunteers
- NorCal FTC Advancement Allocation
  - Decided based on region sizes on 12/1/2023
  - Final allocation shared by end of December



## Advancement/Award Eligibility Changes

- **Advancement** - teams may only advance to a next level of competition within their Home Region
  - See Section 6.1 of Game Manual Part 1
- **Inspire Award Eligibility** - teams are *not eligible* for Inspire Award outside of their Home Region
  - See Section 6.1.2 of Game Manual Part 1



## Rev Control/Expansion Hub Status

- Supply chain issues “resolved”
- May be some short-lived “out of stock” moments as quantities arrive
- FIRST storefront
  - Driver Hub & Control Hub
- Rev Robotics
  - Driver Hub, Control Hub, Expansion Hub



## We're on Instagram @ NorCalFTC

- We'll add announcements as we try to keep everyone up to date!

## NorCal FTC Mentor Network

- Slack workspace - adults only!
- Naming convention - "YourName, Team#"
  - If multiple teams, can use organization
  - If no team, role or identifier, ie. "Referee", "Volunteer"



**Scan to Join Slack**



## 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 in ~2 weeks
- Monthly Team Gameplay Calls
  - Watch FTC Team Blasts for additional info & dates
  - First one 10/12/23 at 6pm