

**GREATER PITTSBURGH REGIONAL** 

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Welcome to the 2025 *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition season: **REEFSCAPE<sup>sM</sup> presented by Haas**! Get ready to *dive deep* into STEM and collaboration as we explore life beneath the surface of the ocean.

REEFSCAPE is a centerpiece of the 2024-2025 cross-program season, *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> **DIVE<sup>SM</sup> presented by Qualcomm**. This ocean-themed season challenges *FIRST* teams to think boldly and creatively, working together to develop innovative technologies and impactful solutions that support aquatic life and advance undersea exploration.

To the students participating in *FIRST* around the globe: Congratulations on all you've achieved so far! This season, you'll sharpen your STEM skills – but remember: *FIRST* is *More Than Robots*<sup>®</sup>. You'll also develop essential real-world skills to thrive in any career, STEM or otherwise. On and off the competition field, you'll build important skills such as teamwork, resilience, a lifelong love of learning, and the confidence to **get anywhere** and achieve anything.

To the mentors, parents, volunteers, partners, sponsors, donors, and supporters driving the *FIRST* mission forward: **Thank you** for your invaluable contributions. Your dedication opens students' eyes to the incredible range of career opportunities made possible through STEM education. Thanks to your unwavering support, students are inspired to build futures that align with their unique talents and dreams.

As students envision their tomorrows, FIRST equips them with the skills they need to thrive today.

Lêt's go: Ready. Set. *Splash!* Here's to an unforgettable season ahead.

Sincerely,

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Chris Moore, Chief Executive Officer, FIRST

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Dean Kamen, Founder, FIRST



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# Welcome to the 2025 *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition Greater Pittsburgh Regional

Ahoy, REEFSCAPE<sup>SM</sup> presented by Haas adventurers! We're thrilled to welcome students, parents, teachers, sponsors, volunteers, and spectators aboard for this fin-tastic occasion, the twenty-third year of the *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition in Western and Central Pennsylvania.

#### To our Greater Pittsburgh Regional Teams:

Whether you've swum over from just down the stream or voyaged from faraway waters, we're excited to see your creative currents flow! This year's challenge, REEFSCAPE, has inspired months of brainstorming, designing, and building. Now it's time to test your mettle (and metal!) during Week 4 and see how you've reeled in innovative solutions.

You've navigated the tides of teamwork, honed your strategies, and engineered your way to this competition. Remember, in the spirit of *Gracious Professionalism*<sup>®</sup>, your competitors today may become your co-pilots tomorrow. Make waves, have fun, and keep swimming toward greatness!

#### To our volunteers, mentors, teachers, and parents:

You are the anchors of this competition, keeping everything steady while empowering these students to chart their course. Your dedication fuels their creativity, builds their confidence, and inspires the next generation of leaders. Thanks for being the lighthouse guiding them through these uncharted waters!

#### To our sponsors and partners:

You are the wind in our sails, and we can't thank you enough for your contributions! Your support through funding, volunteering, internships, and leadership, helps create a tide of opportunity for these students. By investing in their potential, you're shaping a workforce that's innovative, energized, and prepared to tackle the waves of tomorrow's challenges.

#### To everyone here today:

Get ready to dive into the action! Cheer from the stands, explore the pits, and be sure to meet these remarkable students. They've worked tirelessly, and each of them deserves a tidal wave of applause. These young innovators are truly the future — and they're making quite a splash!

On behalf of the *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Greater Pittsburgh Regional Planning Committee, we wish all teams smooth sailing, volunteers a sea of fun, and spectators a whale of a time! Best of luck, and let's make this year's REEFSCAPE one to remember.

Let's make some waves, The *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Greater Pittsburgh Regional Planning Committee







# REFSCAPE

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## Gameplay

In REEFSCAPE<sup>SM</sup> presented by Haas, two competing alliances are invited to score coral, harvest algae, and attach to the barge before time runs out. Alliances earn additional rewards for meeting specific scoring thresholds and for cooperating with their opponents.

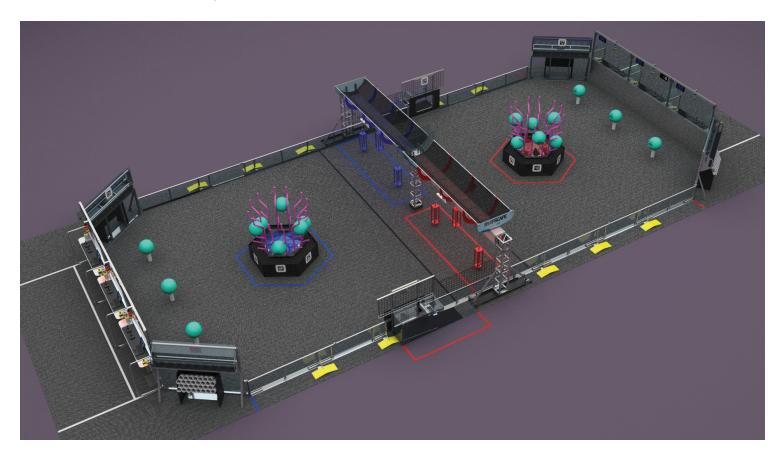
During the first 15 seconds of the match, robots are autonomous. Without guidance from their drivers, robots leave their starting zone, score coral on the reef, harvest algae from the reef, and collect and score additional coral.

During the remaining 2 minutes and 15 seconds, drivers control their robots. Robots collect coral from human players at their coral station and score them on the reef. To unlock all scoring locations on the reef, robots must dislodge algae from the reef and either score it in the barge or deliver it to the human player through the processor.

A human player can then deliver the algae to the barge. If at least two algae are scored in the processor by each alliance, both alliances earn a *Coopertition*<sup>®</sup> Point (which influences their rank in the tournament) and lowers the requirements for a ranking point.

As time runs out, robots prepare to return to the surface with their algae by grabbing onto their cages and parking under the barge.

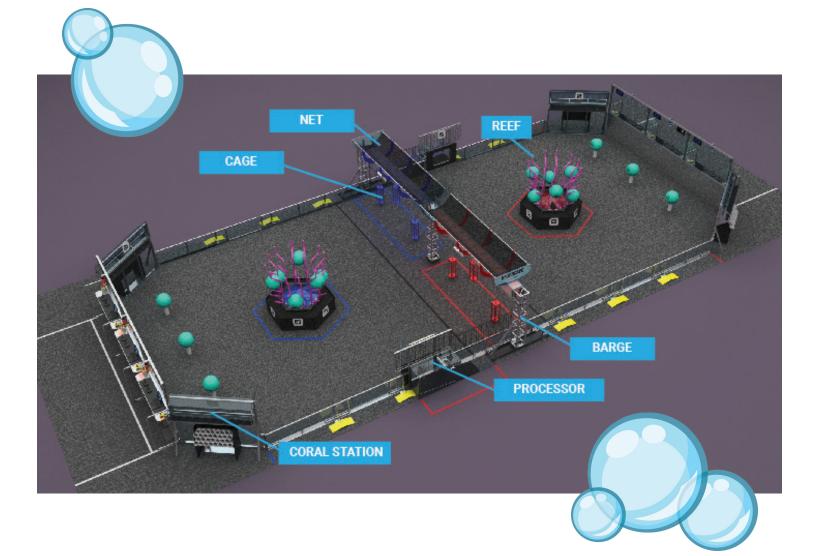
The alliance that earns the most points wins the match!



# View the 2025 game animation for the 2025 *FIRST* Robotics Competition game, REEFSCAPE<sup>SM</sup>.



Scan to View Animation



This is a complete list of *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Robotics Competition awards. Please note that different event types (e.g. Regional events, District Events, District Championships, Championship) offer a different set of awards. Not every award is presented at every *FIRST* Robotics Competition event.

#### **Autonomous Award**

Celebrates the team that has demonstrated consistent, reliable, high-performance robot operation during autonomously managed actions. Evaluation is based on the robot's ability to sense its surroundings, position itself or onboard mechanisms appropriately, and execute tasks.

#### Creativity Award sponsored by Rockwell Automation

Celebrates creativity that enhances strategy of play and was intentionally designed and not discovered.

#### Digital Animation Award sponsored by AutomationDirect.com

Celebrates the art of the digital animation and its close relationship to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics).

#### **Engineering Inspiration Award**

Celebrates outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering within a team's school and community.

#### **Excellence in Engineering Award**

Celebrates the team that demonstrates a professional approach to the design process.

#### Finalist

Celebrates the Alliance that makes it to the final match of the competition.

#### FIRST<sup>®</sup> Dean's List Award

Celebrates outstanding student leaders whose passion for and effectiveness at attaining *FIRST* ideals is exemplary.

#### FIRST Impact Award

The most prestigious award at *FIRST*, it honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of *FIRST*.

#### **Founder's Award**

Recognizes the organization or individual that has contributed significantly to the growth of *FIRST*.

#### **Gracious Professionalism® Award**

Celebrates outstanding demonstration of *FIRST* Core Values such as continuous *Gracious Professionalism*<sup>®</sup> working together both on and off the playing field.

#### Imagery Award in honor of Jack Kamen

In honor of Jack Kamen, Dean's father, for his dedication to art and illustration and his devotion to *FIRST*. This award celebrates attractiveness in engineering and outstanding visual aesthetic integration of machine and team appearance.

#### Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors

Celebrates the team that demonstrates industrial design principles, striking a balance between form, function, and aesthetics.

#### Innovation in Control Award sponsored by nVent

Celebrates an innovative control system or application of control components – electrical, mechanical, or software – to provide unique machine functions.

#### **Judges' Award**

During the course of the competition, the judging panel may decide a team's unique efforts, performance, or dynamics merit recognition.

#### **Quality Award**

Celebrates machine robustness in concept and fabrication.

#### **Rising All-Star Award**

Celebrates the team that has persisted through challenges, despite the difficulties of being young. This could be the result of being a new team, or a team with recent turnover in membership.

#### **Rookie All-Star Award**

Celebrates the rookie team exemplifying a young but strong partnership effort, as well as implementing the mission of *FIRST* to inspire students to learn more about science and technology.

#### Safety Animation Award sponsored by UL Solutions

Recognizes the team that submits a short animated film that best promotes the current season's team safety focus.

#### **Team Spirit Award**

Celebrates extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit through exceptional partnership and teamwork furthering the objectives of *FIRST*.

#### Team Sustainability Award sponsored by Dow

Celebrates and recognizes a team which has developed sustainable practices to have a positive environmental impact and achieve long-term continuity.

#### Volunteer of the Year Award

Presented to an individual, business, or organization that consistently excels in their efforts, with proven results in the areas of impact, leadership, personal commitment, community, and historical contributions.

#### Winner

Celebrates the Alliance that wins the competition.

#### **Woodie Flowers Finalist Award**

Presented to an outstanding mentor in the robotics competition who best leads, inspires, teaches, and empowers their team using excellent communication skills.



## 2025 SEASON FACTS



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#### STATS as of 01/03/2025

- 34<sup>th</sup> Season Game: REEFSCAPE<sup>SM</sup> presented by Haas
- 3,701 Teams
  - 3,354 Veteran Teams
  - 347 Rookie Teams
  - 92,525+ Youth Team Participants
- 29,605+ Coach/Mentors

Argentina (1 team)

Australia (43 teams)

Azerbaijan (1 team)

Belize (1 team)

Brazil (69 teams)

Bulgaria (1 team)

China (40 teams)

Colombia (1 team) Croatia (1 team)

France (3 teams)

Greece (1 team)

Canada (194 teams)

Chinese Taipei (36 teams)

Czech Republic (2 teams)

Dominican Republic (4 teams)

30 countries:

Hungary (1 team) India (7 teams) Israel (61 teams) Japan (6 teams) Mexico (87 teams) Netherlands (2 teams) Panama (3 teams) Philippines (1 team) Poland (1 team) Singapore (1 team) South Africa (2 teams) Switzerland (1 team) Türkiye (192 teams) United Kingdom (2 teams) USA (2,936 teams)

#### **EVENTS**

- 168 Live Kickoff events and streaming on YouTube, 01/04/2024
- 69 Regional Events
- 103 District Events
- 12 District Championships:
- Chesapeake, FIRST in Texas, Indiana, Israel, Michigan, Mid-Atlantic, New England, North Carolina, Ontario, Pacific Northwest, Peachtree, South Carolina Districts
- 1 FIRST<sup>®</sup> Championship Event: April 16 19, 2025



#### **KIT OF PARTS FACTS**

- Items from more than 67 in-kind donors
- Nearly 400 different items distributed via the Kit of Parts system
- More than 100 tons of Kickoff Kit materials shipped all over the world by FedEx (weighing nearly as much as 283,500 tiger shrimps or half of one blue whale)

#### **ROBOT FACTS**

- Weight: up to a maximum of 135 lbs. total
- Robots are remotely controlled
- Powered by a 12-volt battery

#### **FIELD FACTS**

- Playing area: 26.5' W x 57.5' L
- Teams score game pieces, called Algae and Coral, into their Reef, Processor, and/or Net
- As time runs out, robots race to hang on Cages on their Barge

#### ALUMNI

- Participants and alumni of *FIRST* programs gain access to education and career discovery opportunities, connections to exclusive scholarships and employers, and a place in the *FIRST* community for life.
- More than 500,000 FIRST alumni globally
- Visit firstinspires.org/alumni



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For the latest information on these events, visit frc-events.firstinspires.org/

#### Feb 24-25

ISR District Event #1 Hadera, M Israel

#### Feb 26- Mar 01

Canadian Pacific Regional Vancouver, BC

Lake Superior Regional Duluth, MN

Northern Lights Regional Duluth, MN

Orange County Regional Costa Mesa, CA

Regional Monterrey presented by PrepaTec Monterrey, Mexico

#### Feb 26-27

ISR District Event #2 Hadera, M Israel

#### Feb 27- Mar 01

FIM District Kettering University Event #1 Flint, MI

FIM District Milford Event Highland, MI

FIT District Waco Event Waco, TX

PNW District Oregon State Fair Event Salem, OR

#### Feb 27- Mar 02

Hueneme Port Regional Port Hueneme, CA

Pinnacles Regional Hollister, CA

#### Feb 28- Mar 02

CHS District Glen Allen VA Event presented by Dominion Energy Glen Allen, VA

FIM District Battle Creek Event Battle Creek, MI

FIM District Ferndale Event Ferndale, MI

FIM District Lake City Event Lake City, MI

FIN District Mishawaka Event Mishawaka, IN

**FIT District Tomball Event** Tomball, TX

FMA District Hatboro-Horsham Event Horsham PA

NE District Granite State Event Salem, NH

**NE District Southern Maine Event** Falmouth, ME

**ONT District Newmarket Event** Newmarket, ON

PCH District Gainesville Event Gainesville, GA PNW District Glacier Peak Event Snohomish, WA

#### <u>Mar 04-06</u>

Bosphorus Regional Bakırköy, Türkiye İstanbul Regional Bakırköy, Türkiye

#### Mar 05-08

Arkansas Regional Searcy, AR

**Central Missouri Regional** Sedalia, MO

Festival de Robotique Regional Saint-Laurent, QC

Hudson Valley Regional Suffern, NY

#### Mar 06-08

FIM District Kettering University Event #2 Flint, MI

FIM District St. Joseph Event St. Joseph, MI

FIT District Belton Event Belton, TX

**FSC District Hartsville Event** Hartsville, SC

ONT District Centennial College Event Scarborough. ON

PCH District Dalton Event presented by Shaw Industries Dalton, GA

PNW District Clackamas Academy Event

Oregon City, OR

#### Mar 06-09

New Taipei City Regional Wugu District, Chinese Taipei

Southern Cross Regional Cambridge Park, Australia

Ventura County Regional Port Hueneme, CA

#### Mar 07-09

CHS District Pasadena MD Event presented by Ball Corp Pasadena. MD

CHS District Portsmouth VA Event presented by Newport News Shipyard Portsmouth, VA

FIM District Escanaba Event Escanaba, MI

**FIM District Mt Pleasant Event** Mt. Pleasant, MI

FIT District Plano Event Plano, TX

FMA District Mount Olive Event Flanders, NJ FMA District Seneca Event Tabernacle, NJ FNC District Catawba County Event

Hickory, NC Haliç Regional Bakırköy, Türkiye

Marmara Regional Bakırköy, Türkiye

**NE District Greater Boston Event** Revere, MA

**NE District Waterbury Event** Waterbury, CT

ONT District Niagara College Event Welland, ON

PNW District Sammamish Event Bellevue. WA

#### Mar 09-10

ISR District Event #3 Hadera, M Israel

#### Mar 11-12

ISR District Event #4 Hadera, M Israel

#### Mar 12-15

Arizona North Regional Flagstaff, AZ

Finger Lakes Regional Rochester, NY

Great Northern Regional Grand Forks, ND

Magnolia Regional Laurel, MS

**Regional Brazil - Brasilia** Asa Sul, Brazil

Regional Leon presented by PrepaTec Leon, Mexico

Rocket City Regional Huntsville, AL

St. Louis Regional St. Louis, MO

Utah Regional West Valley City, UT

#### Mar 13-15

FIM District Belleville Event Belleville, MI

FIM District Muskegon Event Muskegon, MI

FIM District Traverse City Event Traverse City, MI

FIM District Wayne State Event Detroit, MI

FIT District San Antonio Event San Antonio, TX

NE District URI Event Kingston, RI PNW District SunDome Event Yakima, WA

#### Mar 13-16

Los Angeles Regional El Segundo, CA

Shanghai Regional Minhang District, China

Silicon Valley Regional Woodside, CA

Tallahassee Regional Tallahassee, FL

#### Mar 14-16

Ankara Regional Çankaya, Türkiye

CHS District Bethesda MD Event presented by Capital One Bethesda, MD

CHS District Severn MD Event Severn, MD

FIM District Berrien Springs Event Berrien Springs, MI

FIM District Jackson at Columbia Event Brooklyn, MI

FMA District Robbinsville Event

FMA District Springside Chestnut

FNC District UNC Asheville Event

FNC District Wake County Event

**NE District Pine Tree Event** 

**NE District Western NE Event** 

**ONT District Durham College** 

PCH District Gwinnett Event

presented by Gwinnett County

PNW District Bonney Lake Event

FIN District Kokomo Event

FIT District Manor Event

Russiaville, IN

Manor TX

Trenton NJ

Hill Event

Philadelphia, PA

Asheville, NC

Rolesville, NC

Lewiston, ME

Springfield, MA

Oshawa, ON

School System

Lawrenceville, GA

Bonney Lake, WA

Sacramento Regional

FIT District Victoria Event

**ONT District Humber Polytechnic** 

Mar 14-17

Elk Grove, CA

Mar 15-17

Mar 17-19

Etobicoke, ON

Victoria, TX

Event

Event

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#### Mar 19-22

**Arizona East Regional** Tempe, AZ

Central Illinois Regional Peoria, IL

Colorado Regional Denver, CO

FIRST Long Island Regional Hempstead, NY

Greater Pittsburgh Regional Pittsburgh, PA

Green Country Regional Tulsa, OK

Heartland Regional Shawnee, KS

**Orlando Regional** Orlando, FL

Regional Laguna presented by Peñoles Torreon, Mexico

Seven Rivers Regional La Crosse. WI

#### Mar 20-22

FIM District LSSU Event Sault Ste. Marie. MI

FIM District West Michigan Event Allendale, MI

FIT District Fort Worth Event Fort Worth, TX

FIT District Houston Event Houston, TX

FSC District North Charleston Event presented by South Carolina Department of Education N. Charleston, SC

ONT District University of Waterloo Event Waterloo, ON

PCH District Statesboro Event Statesboro, GA

#### Mar 20-23

Hawaii Regional Honolulu, HI

Regional Brazil - São Paulo Vila Leopoldina, Brazil

San Diego Regional presented by Qualcomm La Jolla, CA

#### Mar 21-23

CHS District Alexandria VA Event presented by US Department of Energy Alexandria. VA

CHS District Blacksburg VA Event presented by Volvo Blacksburg, VA

FIM District Mason Event Mason, MI

FIM District Saline Event Saline, MI FIM District Troy Event Troy, MI

FIM District Woodhaven Event Brownstown Charter Twp, MI

FIN District Lafayette Event Lafayette, IN

FMA District Bensalem Event Bensalem, PA

FMA District Warren Hills Event Washington, NJ

FNC District Mecklenburg County Event Charlotte, NC

FNC District Pitt County Event Greenville, NC NE District UNH Event

Durham, NH NE District WPI Event

Worcester, MA

**ONT District North Bay Event** North Bay, ON

PNW District Auburn Event Auburn, WA

**PNW District Wilsonville Event** Wilsonville, OR

San Francisco Regional San Francisco, CA

#### Mar 26-27

FIRST Israel District Championship Jerusalem, JM Israel

#### Mar 26-29

Greater Kansas City Regional Riverside, MO

Idaho Regional Nampa, ID

**Iowa Regional** Cedar Falls, IA

Las Vegas Regional Las Vegas, NV

Miami Valley Regional Cincinnati, OH

Midwest Regional Arlington Heights, IL

Minnesota 10,000 Lakes Regional Falcon Heights, MN

New York Tech Valley Regional Albany, NY

#### Mar 27-29

FIM District Ferris State Event Big Rapids, MI

FIM District Livonia Event Livonia, MI

FIM District Macomb Event Warren, MI

FIM District Midland Event Midland, MI

FIM District Renaissance Event Detroit, MI FIN District Washington Event presented by Toyota Indiana and Vincennes University Washington, IN

**FIT District Amarillo Event** Amarillo, TX

ONT District Windsor Essex Great Lake Event Windsor ON

PCH District Albany Event presented by Procter & Gamble Albany, GA

Phantom Lakes Regional Mukwonago, WI

#### Mar 27-30

**Contra Costa Regional** Pittsburg, CA

#### Mar 28-30

FIM District Kentwood Event Kentwood, MI

FIT District Space City @ Friendswood Event Friendswood, TX

FMA District Centennial Event Warminster, PA

FMA District Montgomery Event Skillman, NJ

FNC District UNC Pembroke Event Pembroke, NC

NE District Hartford Event Hartford, CT

**NE District UVM Event** Burlington, VT

ONT District McMaster University Hamilton, ON

#### Apr 02-05

Aerospace Valley Regional Lancaster, CA Bayou Regional Kenner, LA

Buckeye Regional

FIRST In Texas District Championship Houston, TX

FIRST Mid-Atlantic District Championship Bethlehem, PA

*FIRST* Ontario Provincial Championship Mississauga, ON

Minnesota Granite City Regional St. Cloud, MN

Minnesota North Star Regional Minneapolis, MN

New England FIRST District Championship West Springfield, MA

Oklahoma Regional Shawnee, OK Pacific Northwest FIRST District Championship Cheney, WA

Peachtree District Championship presented by Mercer University Macon. GA

Smoky Mountains Regional Sevierville, TN

South Florida Regional Coral Gables, FL

#### Apr 03-05

FIRST in Michigan State Championship University Center, MI

FIRST Indiana State Championship Greenwood, IN

FIRST South Carolina State Championship presented by Magna Anderson, SC

#### Apr 03-06

**Central Valley Regional** Fresno, CA

East Bay Regional Berkeley, CA

FIRST Chesapeake District Championship Upper Marlboro, MD

FIRST North Carolina State

Abbreviation Key

CHS - FIRST Chesapeake

FIM – FIRST in Michigan

FMA - FIRST Mid-Atlantic

FNC - FIRST North Carolina

FSC - FIRST South Carolina

NE - New England FIRST

PNW - Pacific Northwest

FIN - FIRST in Indiana

FTA - FIRST in Texas

ONT – FIRST Ontario

PCH – Peachtree

ISR - FIRST Israel

FIRST Championship presented by

New York City Regional New York, NY

Wisconsin Regional

West Allis, WI

Apr 04-06

Championship

Greensboro, NC

Apr 16-19

BAE Systems

Houston, TX

## 2025 Greater Pittsburgh Regional | Team Spotlights

Feam Nui	mber Nickname	City	Rookie Year
	se Taipei	-	
7497	MARAHO	Taipei	2019
USA –	– Michigan	·	
3539	Byting Bulldogs	Romeo	2011
USA –	– New York		
694	StuyPulse	New York	2001
2638	Rebel Robotics	Great Neck	2008
USA –	– Ohio		
379	The RoboCats	Girard	2000
451	Cat Attack Robotics	Maumee	2000
677	Murphy's Outlaws	Columbus	2001
2172	Steel Unit-E	Lakewood	2007
2399	The Fighting Unicorns	Shaker Heights	2008
2603	Steel Stingers	Medina	2008
3484	Short Circuit	Marysville	2011
4121	Viking Robotics	North Canton	2012
4145	WorBots	Worthington	2012
4269	CardinalBots	Columbus	2012
4601	Circuit Birds	Canfield	2013
5413	Stellar Robotics	Shelby	2015
5667	The Digital Eagles	New Albany	2015
6834	Bionic Warriors	Pataskala	2018
9194	Gemin√-1s	Kent	2023
9767	Magnificat MagnifiBots	Rocky River	2024
10207	Mastery (Millstream Alliance for Strategic Team work Engineering and Robotics in Youth)	Findlay	2025
10208	MAYHEM (Millstream Alliance for Youth in High Energy Machines	Findlay	2025
10582	The Technochauns	Youngstown	2025
USA –	– Pennsylvania		
63	McDowell Robotics Team 63	Erie	1997
117	Steel Dragons Robotics	Pittsburgh	1998
709	Femme Tech Fatale	Bryn Mawr	2001
1708	AMP'D Robotics	McKeesport	2005
2095	Direct Current	Newtown Square	2007
2234	Alternating Current	Newtown Square	2007
2641	Pittsburgh Central Catholic Robotics	Pittsburgh	2008
2656	Quasics	Monroeville	2008
3260	SHARP	Pittsburgh	2010
3504	Girls of Steel	Pittsburgh	2011
4027	Centre Punch	State College	2012
4050	Biohazard	Chambersburg	2012
4150	FRobotics	Murrysville	2012
4467	Titanium Titans	Canonsburg	2013

#### 2025 Greater Pittsburgh Regional | Team Spotlights

Team Number	Nickname	City	Rookie Year
USA — Penr	nsylvania continued		
4991	Horsepower	Bridgeville	2014
5740	Trojanators	Cranberry Township	2015
7274	Brashear Bulls Robotics	Pittsburgh	2018
8705	Sci Tech FRC	Pittsburgh	2022
9004	Milliones Mega Mechatronic Wildcats	Pittsburgh	2023
9022	MC Robotics	Marion Center	2023
9415	The Westinghouse Bot-Dogs	Pittsburgh	2024
9475	Mon Valley Mammoths	Monessen	2024
10300	Obama FRC	Pittsburgh	2025
10512	Beyond Grad Greyhounds	Vanderbilt	2025
10513	Inspire Elevator Bots	Vanderbilt	2025
10515	Titanium Tethys	Vanderbilt	2025
10516	Hickory Hornets	Hermitage	2025
10517	Optimus Inspiration Robotics	Vanderbilt	2025
USA — Tenn	essee		
3984	Topper Robotics	Johnson City	2012
USA — West	Virginia		
3492	Putnam Area Robotics Team (P.A.R.T.s)	Winfield	2011
7515	Dark Side Robotics	Williamstown	2019

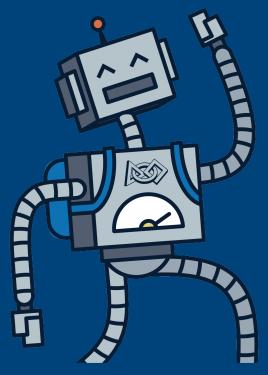
# FIRST 2025 CHAMPIONSHIP

PRESENTED BY BAE SYSTEMS

#### Pack your bolts, bots, and bags!

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> Championship remains as safe, accessible, and affordable as possible for all teams, *FIRST* is partnering with travel experts ConferenceDirect and more than 150 Houston-area hotels to secure the best possible block-rates and reserve sufficient inventory for event participants. All registered teams traveling to the 2025 *FIRST* Championship presented by BAE Systems will be required to book their lodging accommodations within those designated hotel blocks.

- Convenient, FIRST-contracted amenities at most hotels including complimentary Wi-Fi, breakfast, and parking.
- Flexibility to make booking adjustments and pay later.
- Reservation protection and assistance before, during, and after your stay if any unexpected challenges occur.



Learn more about FIRST Championship accommodations at www.firstchampionship.org.



# Welcome *FIRST*<sup>®</sup> teams! The Sports Event Funding (SEF) Program provides financial assistance to support major sporting events that provide significant economic impact to Allegheny County.

Funding may be up to **\$75,000**, in the form of a grant or loan.

Qualifying events include athletic or Esports events, whether professional or amateur, that are regulated and sanctioned by a regional, national, or international organization or association.



## **HOW TO APPLY**

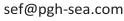
Applications are accepted twice a year, approximately December 15 through January 15 and June 15 through July 15 via an online grant portal.

Funding for the program is provided from the Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund.





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## **2025 Greater Pittsburgh Regional Schedule**

## **Competition Schedule**

## Wednesday, March 19

6:00PM-8:00PM

5 Team Reps to Load In and Set Up Pits, Robot Inspection Weigh-In

## Thursday, March 20

7:45AM - 9:00AM	5 Team Reps to Load In
8:30AM	Pits, Machine Shop, Registration, and Inspection Open
8:30AM - 6:00PM	Quiet Room Open, Room 337
9:00AM - 11:00AM	Driver's Meeting, Field Open for Measurement and Calibration
11:00AM - 12:00PM	Lunch
12:00PM - 6:00PM	Practice Matches
6:30PM	Pits and Machine Shop Close, Teams Exit the Building

## Friday, March 21

8:00AM	Pits and Machine Shop Open
8:00AM - 6:00PM	Quiet Room Open, Room 337
8:30AM - 8:50AM	Opening Ceremony
8:50AM - 12:00PM	Qualification Matches
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Lunch
1:00PM - 5:45PM	Qualification Matches
5:45PM - 6:15PM	Awards Ceremony
~6:30PM**	Pits and Machine Shop Close following Awards Ceremony
	Teams Exit the Building

## Saturday, March 22

8:00AM	Pits and Machine Shop Open
8:00AM - 5:00PM	Quiet Room Open, Room 337
8:30AM - 8:50AM	Opening Ceremony
8:50AM - 12:00PM	Qualification Matches
~12:00PM - 12:30PM	Alliance Selections (begins 8 minutes after the end of Qualification Matches)
12:30PM - 1:30PM	Lunch
1:30PM – 5:00PM	Playoff Matches & Awards Ceremony
~5:30PM**	Pits close 30 minutes following the close of the Closing Ceremony Teams Exit the Building

## **Activities Schedule**

## Thursday, March 20

8:30AM - 8:00PM	Mentor's Lounge, Open Room 338
~11:00AM	Safety Captain's Meeting Immediately Following Driver's Meeting, At NASA Machine Shop
11:00AM – 12:00PM	FIRST Ladies Meet-Up, Room 334

## Friday, March 21

8:00AM - 6:00PM	Mentor's Lounge, Open Room 338
8:00AM - 6:30PM	T-Shirt Memories, Near Pit Admin
10:00AM - 4:00PM	Scholarship Row, Exhibit Hall A
12:00PM	Senior Photo, Playing Field
12:15PM – 1:00PM	Mentor's Meeting Mentor's Lounge, Room 338, Bring your Lunch

## Saturday, March 22

8:00AM - 5:00PM	Mentor's Lounge Open Room 338
8:00AM - 6:30PM	T-Shirt Memories, Near Pit Admin
10:00AM – 4:00PM	<i>FIRST</i> <sup>®</sup> LEGO <sup>®</sup> League Explore, <i>FIRST</i> <sup>®</sup> LEGO <sup>®</sup> League Challenge, and <i>FIRST</i> <sup>®</sup> Tech Challenge Demonstration Exhibit Hall A
10:00AM – 1:00PM	Scholarship Row, Exhibit Hall A
12:10PM – 12:15PM	Mascot Parade, Playing Field

## Judge Advisor

Liz Arey

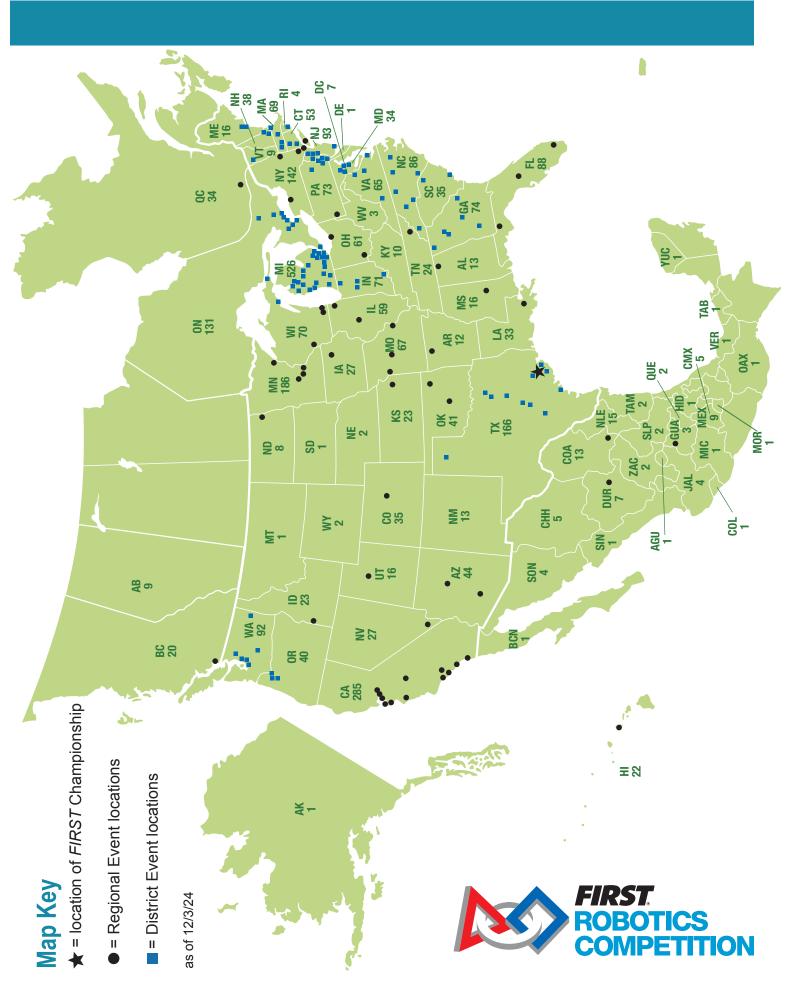
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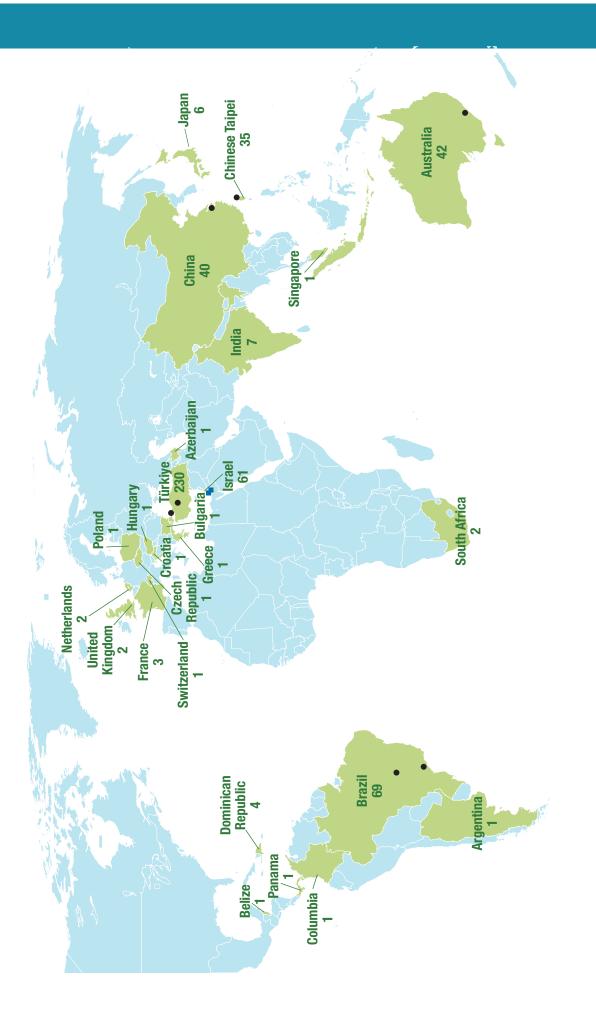
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### Form a Team...

- □ Learn from engineering pros.
- □ Apply math and science concepts to design and build robots.
- Gain hands-on experience solving real-world problems.
- □ Learn about exciting science and technology careers.
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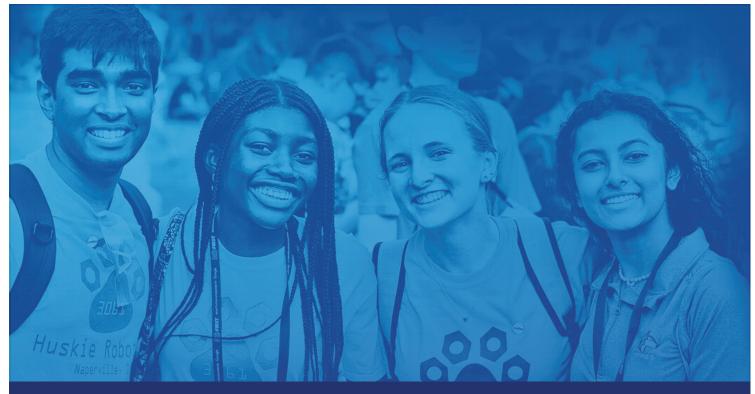
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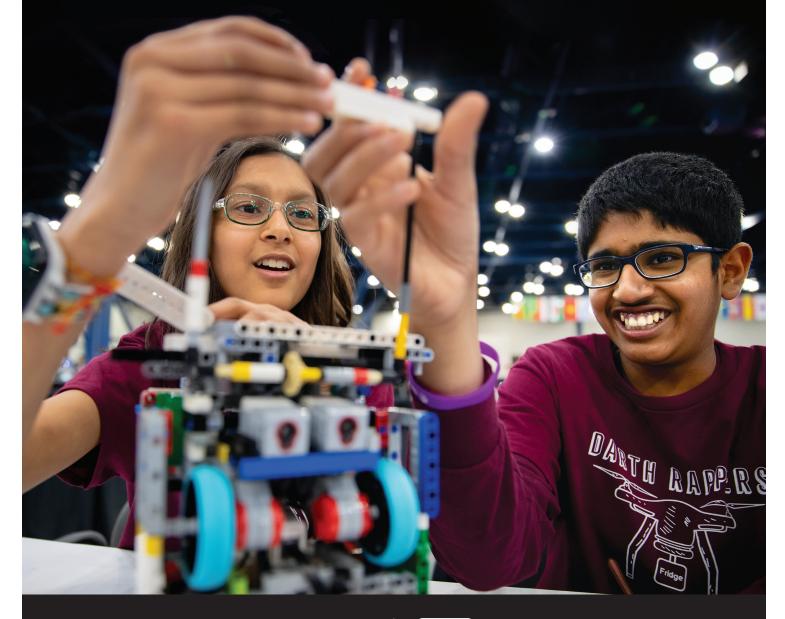
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# We are not using kids to build robots. We are using robots to build kids.

– Dean Kamen, Founder, FIRST®





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Children can join any of these three programs based on age or grade level. Ages may vary by region.



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