

# 2026 FIRST® Championship FIRST® Tech Challenge Team Schedule

TUESDAY, APRIL 28	
NO TEAM ACTIVITIES	
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29	
7:30 AM	Pits & Team Check-in Open
9:00 AM	Inspection Opens
9:00 AM – 12:45 PM	Competition Fields Open for Measurement and Robot Calibration ( <a href="#">T205</a> )
12:00 PM	Practice Fields Open (Teams must have passed inspection <a href="#">E116</a> )
12:00 PM	Drivers' Meeting Questions due (Turn in at Pit Admin, no live questions will be answered)
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Drivers' Meeting at the Competition Fields (Division TBD)
3:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Practice Matches (completed inspection not required, see <a href="#">Section 3</a> for details)
6:00 PM	Team Check-in Deadline ( <a href="#">I102</a> )
6:30 PM	Practice Fields Close 30 mins before pits close
7:00 PM	Pits & Inspection Close
THURSDAY, APRIL 30	
7:30 AM	Pits (including Robot Help and Inspection) Open
7:45 AM – 8:15 AM	Competition Fields Open for Measurement and Robot Calibration ( <a href="#">T205</a> )
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies (Teams Scheduled for Matches 1 & 2 should report directly to Queuing)
9:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Qualification Matches
9:15 AM	Practice Fields Open and Judges in the Pits for Interviews
11:15 AM – 1:30 PM	Staggered Division Lunch Breaks (1.5 Hours per Division) No Judges will be in the pits during your division's lunch break.
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Qualification Matches
5:30 PM	Judging Done for the Day
6:00 PM	Practice Fields Close 30 mins before pits close
6:30 PM	Pits (including Robot Help and Inspection) Close
FRIDAY, MAY 1	
7:30 AM	Pits (including Robot Help and Inspection) Open
7:45 AM – 8:15 AM	Competition Fields Open for Measurement and Robot Calibration ( <a href="#">T205</a> )
9:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Qualification Matches
9:15 AM	Practice Fields Open and Judges in the Pits for Interviews
11:15 AM – 1:30 PM	Staggered Division Lunch Breaks (1.5 Hours per Division) No Judges will be in the pits during your division's lunch break.
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Qualification Matches
5:00 PM	Judging is Concluded
6:00 PM	Practice Fields Close 30 mins before pits close
6:30 PM	Pits (including Robot Help and Inspection) Close
SATURDAY, MAY 2	
7:30 AM	Pits Open
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Alliance Selection - Drivers Meeting to Immediately follow Alliance Selection
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Competition Fields Open for Measurement and Robot Calibration (Playoff Teams Only)
9:15 AM – 11:15 AM	Practice Fields Open (Playoff Teams Only)
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Division Playoff Matches and Division Awards
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Championship da Vinci Playoff Matches, Awards Ceremony, and Game Preview