Policy on the Use of FIRST® Trademarks and Copyrighted Materials (including FIRST and the LEGO Group Intellectual Property)

Intent of the Policy.

For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology ("FIRST®") and the LEGO Group ("LEGO") own valuable assets in the form of trademarks and copyrights. FIRST and LEGO are legally entitled to restrict any unauthorized or commercial use of these assets. Furthermore, as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, FIRST is required by corporate and tax law to limit the commercial use of its intellectual property. Recognizing their joint interest in allowing FIRST® LEGO® League and other FIRST teams and supporting organizations to promote their activities, FIRST and LEGO have developed this policy to permit limited non-commercial use of their trademarks and copyrighted materials.

I. WHAT Intellectual Property Does This Policy Cover?

This Policy covers trademarks and copyrighted materials that are jointly or separately owned by FIRST and LEGO (the “FIRST and LEGO Intellectual Property”).

A. Trademarks. The names and logos that identify our games and products are categorized as:

   Word Marks: text only, such as "FIRST" and "LEGO";
   Logos: graphics that identify FIRST or LEGO, such as the FIRST interlocked triangle-circle-square;
   Other Trademarks: symbols or other representations of a company or brand, such as the LEGO Minifigure.

The FIRST and LEGO trademarks are listed on Attachment A, organized as follows:

(1) FIRST Word Marks and Logos;

(2) Joint FIRST and LEGO Word Marks and Logos; and

(3) LEGO Word Marks, Logos, and Other Trademarks.

B. Copyrights. The copyrighted materials are too numerous to specifically list. They include all written materials, designs, software, web information and all content related to our games and products such as game designs, field designs, rules, handbooks, and any other written, artistic, musical, software, and visual materials (the “Copyrighted” material).

(1) FIRST Copyrights includes all Copyrighted material related to FIRST programs and games, such as FIRST® Robotics Competition and FIRST® Tech Challenge games, rules, Coaches Handbooks, forms, promotional materials, and website content.

(2) Joint FIRST and LEGO Copyrights includes all Copyrighted materials related to the joint FIRST and LEGO programs, such as the FIRST LEGO League games, rules, Coaches Handbooks, forms, promotional materials, and website content.
(3) **LEGO Copyrights** includes all documentation for LEGO® and LEGO® MINDSTORMS® products, photographs and other graphic images, instructions and supplemental materials, software, promotional and advertising materials, product packaging, and all internet content, all of which are covered by copyright regardless of format, whether printed, electronic or other.

II. WHO May Use These Trademarks and Copyrighted Materials

No one is permitted to use any of the **FIRST and LEGO Intellectual Property** for any purpose unless they satisfy the requirements below, or obtain a written licensing agreement in advance from FIRST. FIRST does not generally license use of the **FIRST and LEGO Intellectual Property** in connection with any paid or unpaid advertising or by a commercial entity for commercial purposes.

Even those who are authorized users must comply with the terms of use (Section III below), and certain authorized users, as noted below, must post the necessary disclaimers (see Section IV below). Further, the Trademarks with logos are not available for use by anyone other than by currently registered FIRST Teams to identify their own Teams and activities, by FIRST Committees and Partners, or by separate written agreement with FIRST. In addition, FIRST and LEGO have the right, in their sole discretion, to limit or terminate the use of their trademarks and copyrighted materials at any time.

1. Currently registered FIRST teams and FIRST participants may use the **FIRST and the Joint FIRST and LEGO Trademarks** (word marks and logos), and the LEGO word marks, in a way that relates to their FIRST team names and activities (e.g. the “FIRST® Robotics Competition Wonderbots” or the “FIRST® LEGO® League Rocket Kids.”) They do not have to obtain advance permission, use Disclaimers, or provide advance notice to FIRST.

2. Registered FIRST teams or FIRST participants (i.e., non-profit entities) may use the **FIRST and the Joint FIRST and LEGO Trademarks** (word marks, not the logos) and the LEGO word marks, **and Copyrighted Material** to conduct activities related to a FIRST program (e.g., a FIRST Robotics Competition team teaching skills to a FIRST LEGO League Challenge or FIRST LEGO League Explore team) as long as they use the revenue to underwrite their cost of participation in FIRST programs and use the Disclaimers. They do not have to obtain advance permission or provide advance notice to FIRST, but as noted, they are not permitted to use the logos.

Explanatory Note: This means, for example, that an FIRST Robotics Competition team teaching a FIRST LEGO League camp (or a FIRST Tech Challenge camp, or a FIRST Robotics Competition camp) can use the terms FIRST® Robotics Competition and FIRST® LEGO® League, as long as they comply with the requirements applicable to them in #2 above, and their descriptive and promotional materials say only something like:

“We are the FIRST® Robotics Competition Sidewinders presenting a seminar for kids interested in learning FIRST® LEGO® League skills.”

They would not be permitted to use any FIRST logo and they would have to use the Disclaimers.

3. **Nonprofit** entities other than registered FIRST participants and teams are not permitted to use any **FIRST and LEGO Intellectual Property** unless they have written authorization from FIRST (coordinated by FIRST Marketing and Development) by which they agree to:

   a. Use the funds generated to support nonprofit efforts and activities acceptable to FIRST;
   b. Indemnify FIRST and LEGO for any and all claims and costs arising from the activity;
   c. Use the Disclaimers (below);
d. Use only the **FIRST and LEGO Intellectual Property** that FIRST authorizes; and,
e. Be willing to abide by other provisions set forth by FIRST specific to the circumstances.

4. Commercial entities that are supporters of FIRST Teams or programs may use the **FIRST and the Joint FIRST and LEGO Trademarks** (word marks and logos) but not the LEGO Trademarks, and only to accurately identify them as supporters (not to promote or sell commercial goods or services) which they may do without notice to or permission from FIRST as long as they have permission from the FIRST Team or Program and it’s clear from their use that they are doing so to show that they are a supporter of a FIRST Team or Program. The use of a disclaimer is not necessary and they are not authorized to use any of the Copyrighted material.

For example, a local pizzeria sponsoring a FIRST LEGO League team, with the team’s permission, can place the FIRST® LEGO® League name and logo in its window with some notation that it is a FIRST® LEGO® League Team sponsor.

5. Operational Partners, Affiliate Partners, Tournament Partners, FIRST Robotics Competition Regional Committees (together “FIRST Committees and Partners”), are permitted to use the **FIRST and LEGO Intellectual Property**, including the FIRST and LEGO logos, within the duration and conditions of their agreements with FIRST, without separate notice to FIRST or additional indemnification agreements, as long as:

   a. The funds generated are used to support FIRST Teams or Programs in accordance with their agreement.
   b. The FIRST Committees and Partners’ address appears in close proximity to its own name (to help further distinguish it as an entity separate from the LEGO Group and from FIRST).
   c. The FIRST Committees and Partners are identified with a statement to the following effect: "This [insert name] FIRST® LEGO® League Tournament is organized by [name of FIRST Committee or Partner] under license from FIRST and the LEGO Group."
   d. Regarding the Disclaimers, FIRST Committees and Partners are required to use the appropriate trademark and copyright attribution statement applicable to the situation, but because the activities and programs of the FIRST Committees and Partners are conducted with the express consent of FIRST, they should **not** use any disclaimer.

So, FIRST Committees and Partners would say:

   **FIRST®, FIRST® Robotics Competition, and FIRST® Tech Challenge, are registered trademarks of FIRST®** ([www.firstinspires.org](http://www.firstinspires.org))

and would say:

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But would **not say**:

**FIRST and LEGO are not overseeing, involved with, or responsible for this activity, product, or service.**

6. **Commercial** entities are not permitted to use **FIRST and LEGO Intellectual Property** unless they have a **prior written agreement** with FIRST by which they agree to:

   a. Use the funds generated to support specific, identified FIRST teams or programs, or pay a royalty to FIRST;
b. Indemnify FIRST and LEGO for any and all claims and costs from the activity in which they are using the Intellectual Property;
c. Use the Disclaimers (below);
d. Use only those Trademarks and Copyrighted material that FIRST authorizes; and,
e. Be willing to abide by other provisions set forth by FIRST specific to the circumstances.

III. HOW is the FIRST and LEGO Intellectual Property to be used?

A. Trademark Dos and Don’ts:

   **Do** –

   1. Use marks with the text only (as listed on Attachment A) and, if using FIRST or LEGO uses logos or stylizing (only as displayed on Attachment B).

   2. Separate FIRST trademarks and LEGO trademarks from other names (never say “BostonFLL” or UtahFIRST).

   Use them in the same font and size as surrounding text to avoid creating the appearance of a new logo or design.

   4. The **first** time the trademarks appear in a headline and in copy on a page, use the ® or the ™ symbol, as indicated above, unless they are part of a reference to a company name (e.g. LEGO System A/S, the LEGO Group). After the first time in any text, it’s not necessary to repeat it.

   5. The FIRST word mark is to be written in capital letters and italics, with no other characters (e.g. periods).

   6. The LEGO® and MINDSTORMS® word marks must always be written in capital letters, and not in italics.

   **Don’t** –

   1. Use marks in plural or possessive form (i.e., never "FIRST"s,” FIRSTs,” “LEGOs," or "LEGO’s").

   2. Use with a hyphen (e.g., never "LEGO-style"), and must never divided (e.g., never "LE- GO").

   3. Stylize the trademarks.

B. Copyright Dos and Don’ts:

   **Don’t** –

   1. FIRST and LEGO copyrighted materials may never be used in any modified form.
IV. **WHICH Disclaimers do we have to use?**

A. **The Disclaimers for the Use of Any Trademark** under this Policy must be in English, identify the specific mark(s) being used, and state the following:

For example, the disclaimer for the use of FIRST Trademarks is:

*FIRST®, FIRST® Robotics Competition, and FIRST® Tech Challenge, are registered trademarks of FIRST® ([www.firstinspires.org](http://www.firstinspires.org)) which is not overseeing, involved with, or responsible for this activity, product, or service.*

A disclaimer for the use of joint FIRST and LEGO Trademarks is:

*FIRST® LEGO® League is a jointly held trademark of FIRST® ([www.firstinspires.org](http://www.firstinspires.org)) and the LEGO Group, neither of which is overseeing, involved with, or responsible for this activity, product, or service.*

A disclaimer for the use of LEGO Trademarks would be:

*LEGO®, the LEGO® logo, MINDSTORMS®, the MINDSTORMS® NXT logo, the Minifigure, and the Brick and Knob configurations are trademarks of the LEGO Group which is not overseeing, involved with, or responsible for this activity, product, or service.*

B. **The Disclaimers for the Use of Copyrighted Material** under this Policy must be in English as follows:

The disclaimer for the use of FIRST copyrighted material is:

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The disclaimer for the use of FIRST and LEGO copyrighted material is:

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The disclaimer for the use of LEGO copyrighted material is:

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Trademark and copyright disclaimer statements may be combined into a single paragraph, such as:

*FIRST® LEGO® League is a jointly held trademark of FIRST® and the LEGO Group. This trademark is used by special permission of FIRST and the LEGO Group, neither of which is overseeing, involved with, or responsible for this activity, product, or service. © 2020 the LEGO Group and FIRST®. Used by special permission. All rights reserved.*
**Attachment A**

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List of the FIRST and LEGO Marks

This list of Trademarks is organized according to who owns the marks and whether they are word marks, logos, or other trademarks.

A. The following are FIRST trademarks without logos (i.e., word marks) that are already registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and must be designated with the ® to show that they are registered marks:

1. FIRST®;
2. FIRST® Robotics Competition;
3. FTC®;
4. FIRST® Tech Challenge;
5. LUNACY®;
6. FRC®;
7. Gracious Professionalism®; and
8. Coopetition®, and

B. The following are FIRST trademarks without logos (i.e. word marks) that are not – or are not yet – registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, so they must be designated with a “™” or “℠”.

1. FIRST® Place™;
2. Sport for the Mind™;
3. HOT SHOT™;
4. GET OVER IT™;
5. LOGO MOTION℠;
6. BOWLED OVER℠;
7. BREAKAWAY℠;
8. Rebound Rumble℠;
9. RING IT UP!℠;
10. ULTIMATE ASCENT℠;
11. RECYCLE RUSH℠;
12. FTC BLOCK PARTY!℠;
13. AERIAL ASSIST℠;
14. CASCADE EFFECT℠;
15. FIRST® RES-Q℠;
16. FIRST® STRONGHOLD℠;
17. VELOCITY VORTEX℠;
18. FIRST® STEAMWORKS℠;
19. FIRST® RELIC RECOVERY℠;
20. FIRST® POWER UP℠;
21. ROVER RUCKUS℠;
22. DESTINATION: DEEP SPACE℠
23. FIRST® RISE℠;
24. SKYSTONE℠;
25. INFINITE RECHARGE℠;
26. BEYOND THE BOTS℠
27. FIRST® GAME CHANGERS℠;
28. ULTIMATE GOAL℠;
29. FREIGHT FRENZY℠;
30. RAPID REACT℠;
31. FIRST® ENERGIZE℠;
32. POWERPLAY℠;
33. CHARGED UP℠;
34. FIRST® IN SHOW℠;
35. CENTERSTAGE℠;
36. CRESCENDO℠;
37. FIRST® DIVE℠;
38. INTO THE DEEP℠;
39. REEFSCAPE℠; and
40. all other FIRST game names, and all accompanying logos as they are created, unless and until they are registered.

C. The FIRST Trademarks with logos are:

   1. FIRST with the interlocked triangle, circle, and square logo®;
   2. The interlocked triangle, circle, and square logo™;
   3. FIRST Green™.

D. The following are the Joint FIRST and LEGO Word Marks:

   1. FIRST® LEGO® League;
   2. FIRST® LEGO® League Jr.;
   3. Junior FIRST® LEGO® League;
   4. FLL®;
   5. Jr.FLL℠;
   6. BODY FORWARD℠;
   7. FOOD FACTOR℠;
   8. SNACK ATTACK℠;
   9. SUPER SENIORS℠;
   10. SENIOR SOLUTIONS℠;
   11. DISASTER BLASTER℠;
   12. NATURE’S FURY℠;
   13. FLL WORLD CLASS℠;
   14. Jr.FLL THINK TANK℠;
   15. TRASH TREK℠;
   16. WASTE WISE℠;
   17. ANIMAL ALLIES℠;
   18. CREATURE CRAZE℠;
   19. HYDRO DYNAMICS℠;
   20. AQUA ADVENTURE℠;
   21. INTO ORBIT℠;
   22. MISSION MOON℠;
   23. CITY SHAPER℠;
24. BOOMTOWN BUILD℠;
25. PLAYMAKERS℠;
26. RePLAY℠;
27. CARGO CONNECT℠;
28. SUPERPOWERED℠;
29. MASTERPIECE℠;
30. SUBMERGED℠; and
31. All other FIRST LEGO League Challenge names, and all accompanying logos as they are created, unless and until they are registered.

E. The following are the Joint FIRST and LEGO Logos, when they are depicted with the FIRST interlocked triangle, circle, and square logo:
   1. FIRST® LEGO® League;
   2. FLL®;
   3. FIRST® LEGO® League Jr.;
   4. Junior FIRST® LEGO® League; and,
   5. Jr.FLL®.

F. The following are the LEGO Word Marks:
   1. LEGO® (must always be written in capital letters);
   2. MINDSTORMS® (must always be written in capital letters).

G. The LEGO Logos are:
   1. The MINDSTORMS® NXT logo, consisting of "MINDSTORMS" and "NXT" in stylized text, and
   2. The red square LEGO® logo.

H. Other LEGO Group Trademarks include:
   1. The Minifigure and
   2. The Brick and Knob configurations.

I. LEGO Trademark additional restriction:

   The red square LEGO® logo and the LEGO® Minifigure may never be used without express written permission from LEGO.
Attachment B