Each year brings a new challenge for FIRST® Robotics Competition teams. With limited time and resources, they enhance their brand, raise needed funds, and work with mentors to analyze and develop a strategy to compete via provided rules and guidelines. Team members design and build a competitive industrial-sized robot using sophisticated hardware and software technology to meet the challenge. Students experience real-world engineering and entrepreneurship. Each team competes for judged and competition awards at action-packed multi-day event with other teams.

FIRST Robotics Competition is a sport where all participants can choose to become a professional.

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— WOODIE FLOWERS (1943 - 2019) FIRST DISTINGUISHED ADVISOR

GET STARTED:
- High-school-aged students from your school and/or community
- Adult mentors/coaches
- Financial sponsors
- A meeting place
- Tools
- Time
- Passion and dedication

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**PROVEN, VERIFIABLE IMPACT!**

- 81% Express confidence in approaching problems in science and technology
- 94% Accept failure as part of learning
- 84% Express a sense of team identity and belonging

**SEASON OVERVIEW**

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