**Start a Team**

**FIRST® Tech Challenge** engages students in thrilling robotics competition. Teams of students ages 12-18 design, build, code, and operate robots to compete against the clock to earn the highest score. Participants and alumni are eligible to apply for more than $80 million in scholarships and access career discovery opportunities and connections.

1. **CONTACT US**
   - firstinspires.org/FTC-get-started
   - 800-871-8326
   - firsttechchallenge@firstinspires.org

2. **BUILD YOUR TEAM**
   - Up to 15 team members
   - At least 2 adult mentor/coaches*  
   - Meeting and build space

*Team coaches and mentors must complete Youth Protection Screening

3. **REGISTER**
   - Visit firstinspires.org/register to create your **FIRST®** account, set up your new team profile, and purchase your season registration and necessary materials.

4. **BUILD**
   - Review the season materials and design, construct, and program your robot to compete in the season game.
   - Document your work in an engineering notebook.

5. **COMPETE IN AN EVENT**
   - Compete at official **FIRST** events, which may include physical, remote, or a combination of physical and remote elements.

For more information on fundraising, registration, scholarships, and other resources, visit: **FIRSTINSPIRES.ORG/FTC-GET-STARTED**
### Season Timeline

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FIRST is the world’s leading youth-serving nonprofit advancing STEM education. Through a suite of inclusive, team-based robotics programs for ages 4-18, FIRST has a proven impact on learning, interest, and skill-building inside and outside of the classroom, creating the people who will change the world – today and tomorrow.