



Preparing Your Team



Once you have registered your *FIRST*® Tech Challenge Team and ordered your kit of parts, as a new Coach/Mentor, you may start feeling the "What's Next?" question start kicking around in your head. It's important to understand that all Rookie Coaches/Mentors (and even Veteran Coaches/Mentors) go through this feeling. You are not alone! Which leads to the reason why we have created so many resources to hopefully make your first season (and beyond) go as smoothly as possible.

This section deals with the "not robot" section of having a *FIRST* Tech Challenge Team. Being a Coach/Mentor also means you (or some other helpful parent/fellow teacher) become a team manager, a treasurer, and key liaison to the Program and the Affiliate Partner in your region. You become the fountain of knowledge about the Program and unless you delegate the responsibility, become responsible that your team is prepped for competition.

The [Team Management Resources](#) acts as a great article that covers topics such as:

- **Team Registration** - *understanding how to navigate Team Registration and utilize the system will make starting out your season easier. Although you will mainly use this system to register your Team and purchase your product, you can also manage your Team Roster and be better prepared for Competition Day.*
- **Mentor Training and Resources**
- **Budget**
- **Fundraising**
- **Team Training**
- **Engineering Notebook**
- **Preparing for Competition** - *Make sure you take a look at this section, especially the [Preparing for Competition Checklist](#) long before you competition.*

Take the time to investigate this Article. If you still feel like you need more assistance, reach out to your [Local Affiliate Partner](#), and when possible, check out their Regional Website and see if there are additional resources they may be offering. The *FIRST* Tech Challenge community is always willing to help, and if engaging through [social media](#) is not helping, remember you can always email us at ftcteams@firstinspires.org.



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