



# Start a Team

*FIRST*® Tech Challenge engages students in thrilling robotics competition. Teams of students ages 12-18 design, build, code, and operate Android smartphone-controlled robots to compete against the clock to earn the highest score. High school participants are eligible to apply for more than \$80 million in scholarships from colleges, universities, and technical programs.

## 1 CONTACT US

- ▶ [firstinspires.org/FTC-get-started](http://firstinspires.org/FTC-get-started)
- ▶ 800-871-8326
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## 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](http://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**

**MAY**

Registration  
for the season  
opens



**SEPTEMBER**

Season  
Kickoff



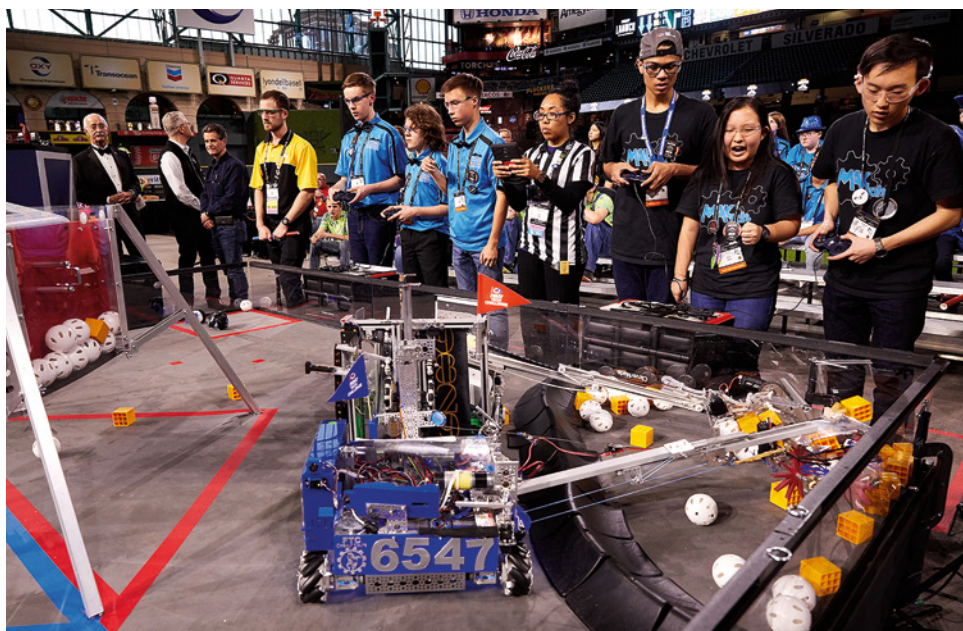
**OCTOBER-MARCH**

Local and regional  
competitive events



**APRIL**

*FIRST*<sup>®</sup>  
Championship



***FIRST* is a robotics community that prepares young people for the future.**

*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.



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