



Official Game Q&A Forum Instructions

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Forum Overview

The Official Game Q&A Forum is a place where teams can ask questions and receive official answers about the game rules, robot rules, advancement criteria, and judging. The forum is moderated by *FIRST* Tech Challenge experts. In order to post to the Game Q&A Forum, you'll have to use an official FTC Team account created and issued by *FIRST*. These accounts start with the letters FTC and are followed by your team number, for example: **FTC1234**

For issues logging into the forum or accessing an account, please email FTCTeams@firstinspires.org.

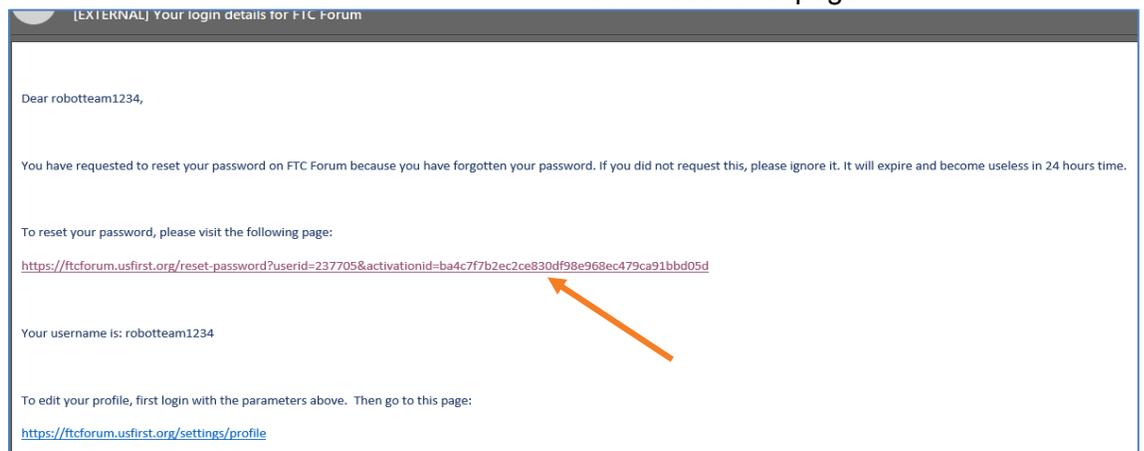
Forum Access

New Accounts

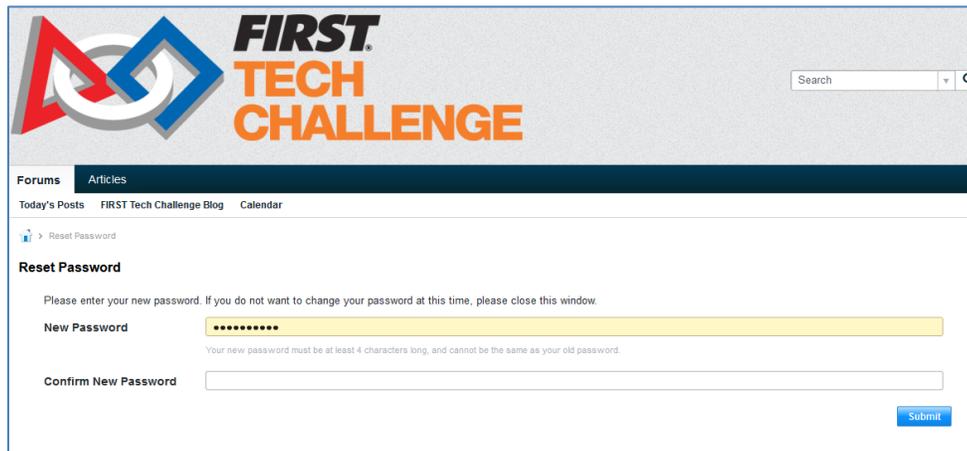
All accounts, are created, verified and approved by *FIRST* Tech Challenge Program staff when any team member registers for a general FTC Forum Account.

Once that account is created, it is manually verified by a member of the *FIRST* Tech challenge staff team. After verification, an official FTC Team account is either created or updated and login credentials are then sent to the listed Lead Coach/Mentor 1 of the team. .

1. Login details for the account will be emailed to the "Lead Coach/Mentor 1" listed on the teams *FIRST* account.
 - a. Click on link in that email to redirect to the "Reset Password" page

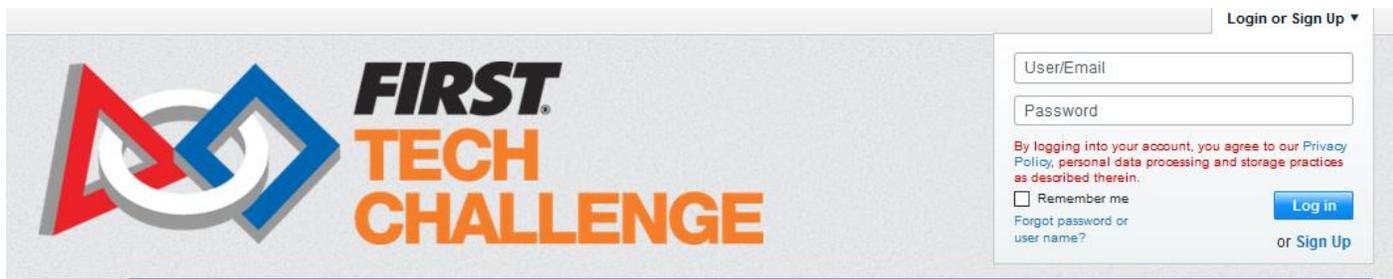


2. Enter a new password, confirm your new password and click “submit”



The screenshot shows the 'FIRST TECH CHALLENGE' forum interface. At the top left is the logo, and at the top right is a search bar. Below the logo, there are navigation tabs for 'Forums' and 'Articles'. Under 'Forums', there are links for 'Today's Posts', 'FIRST Tech Challenge Blog', and 'Calendar'. The main content area is titled 'Reset Password' and contains the following text: 'Please enter your new password. If you do not want to change your password at this time, please close this window.' Below this, there are two input fields: 'New Password' (with a yellow background and masked characters) and 'Confirm New Password'. A note below the 'New Password' field states: 'Your new password must be at least 4 characters long, and cannot be the same as your old password.' A blue 'Submit' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

- a. Once you submit the new password, you will be redirected once more to the sign-in screen for the forum and prompted to login again using the new password you have just created.
3. Click “Login or Sign Up” and type in your official FTC Team username (FTC followed by your team number) and the password you just created and log in to the account.



The screenshot shows the 'FIRST TECH CHALLENGE' forum login/sign-up page. At the top left is the logo, and at the top right is a 'Login or Sign Up' dropdown menu. Below the logo, there are two input fields: 'User/Email' and 'Password'. Below the 'Password' field, there is a line of text: 'By logging into your account, you agree to our [Privacy Policy](#), personal data processing and storage practices as described therein.' Below this text, there is a checkbox labeled 'Remember me' and a link for 'Forgot password or user name?'. A blue 'Log in' button is located at the bottom right of the form, with 'or Sign Up' text below it.

4. From here, you click on the current seasons Game Q&A Forum link.

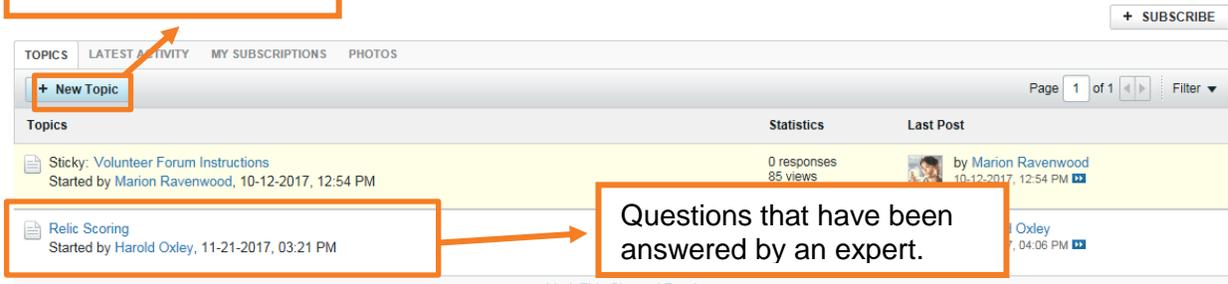
The screenshot shows the FTC Forums homepage. At the top, there's a header for 'FTC Forums'. Below it is a table with columns for 'Forums', 'Topics', 'Posts', and 'Last Post'. The first row is 'Articles' with 1 topic and 1 post. The second row, highlighted with a red box, is 'FIRST RELIC RECOVERY presented by Qualcomm - Game Q and A Forum' with 2 topics and 2 posts. Below this are sub-forums for 'Game Q and A Forum Posting Instructions (2/2)', 'Tournament Rules (0/0)', 'Advancement (0/0)', 'Robot Inspection Rules (0/0)', 'Field Setup Rules (0/0)', 'Game Rules (0/0)', and 'Judging Rules (0/0)'. Other forums include 'FIRST Tech Challenge Technology' and 'FIRST Tech Challenge Community Forum - This is an Open Forum -'.

5. This will open another page which outlines your subcategory options. From here you will choose the appropriate category for your question from the provided options.

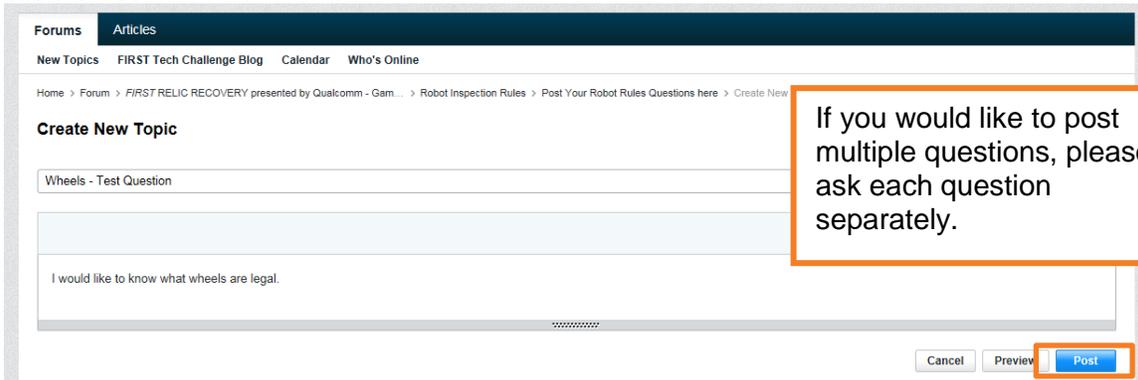
The screenshot shows the 'Game Q and A Forum Posting Instructions' page. It features a table with columns for 'Forums', 'Topics', 'Posts', and 'Last Post'. The first row is 'Game Q and A Forum Posting Instructions' with 2 topics and 2 posts. The second row, highlighted with a red box, is 'Robot Inspection and Build Rules' with 10 topics and 10 posts. Below this are sub-forums for 'Post Your Robot Inspection and Build Rules Questions Here (1/1)', 'Answers - Robot Electrical Parts and Materials Rules (4/4)', 'Duplicate Robot Inspection and Build Rules Questions** (1/1)', and 'Answers - Robot Software Rules (1/1)'. Other subcategories highlighted with red boxes include 'Game Rules', 'Tournament Rules', 'Field Setup Rules', 'Judging Rules', and 'Advancement'.

- Once you click into the forum, you have the option to view other conversations and/or previously asked questions. Make sure to read the instructions for the forum prior to asking a question. To ask a click “New Topic”

Click “New Topic” to ask a new question.



- Create a title for your question and ask your question in the text box. Once you are done click “Post”



- After posting your question you will be returned to the below screen. You will not be able to see your question until it has been approved and answered by one of our expert moderators.

