

5.0 Tournament Types

There are several types of tournaments that *Teams* and other organizers hold throughout the *FIRST* Tech Challenge season and off-season. Tournament types are listed in the following section.

5.1 Scrimmage

A scrimmage is an unofficial *FIRST* Tech Challenge Event where *Teams* do not advance. *Teams* compete at a scrimmage solely to prepare for an official tournament. Anyone can host a scrimmage to prepare for an official tournament. *Teams* hosting a scrimmage are encouraged to tell their local [Affiliate Partner](#) that such a tournament is taking place. *Teams* that choose to create and host a local tournament are responsible for finding a location, organizing the format for the day, and inviting other *Teams* to participate. *Teams* may also have to secure the field elements, computers, and other items.

5.2 Meets and League Play

A League Meet is a one-field competition that uses the same field and game as other tournaments. *Teams* may take part in as few or as many League Meets as they choose but competing in more improves a *Teams* League ranking. Some standard tournament guidelines may be adapted for those regions that participate in the League format. *Teams* should contact their [Affiliate Partner](#) for more information about the scheduling, structure, advancement, and processes that are unique to the League/Meet in their region.

5.3 Qualifying Tournaments and League Tournaments

Hosted and managed by *FIRST* Tech Challenge Affiliate Partners or Affiliate Partner-appointed hosts. Qualifying tournaments follow the format outlined in sections 4.0. Qualifying Tournaments are held before Championship Tournaments in regions where there are many *Teams*. The number of *Teams* advancing to the State Championship Tournament depends on the capacity of the State Championship Tournament, the number of Qualifying Tournaments, and the number of *Teams* attending the Qualifying Tournament. The Advancement Criteria for moving up to the next tournament level is detailed in section 6.0.

5.4 Super-Qualifying Tournaments

These tournaments are held in regions with a large number of *Teams* and/or Leagues. In these regions, *Teams* advance from either a League Championship or Qualifying Tournament to a Super-Qualifying Tournament, and then to the regional or State Championship. Super-Qualifying Tournaments adhere to *FIRST* standards in format, judging, and awards.

5.5 Championship Tournaments

Hosted and managed by a *FIRST* Tech Challenge Affiliate Partner, Championship Tournaments uphold certain standards in format, judging, awards, and overall quality. Some Championship Tournaments require that *Teams* advance from a Qualifying Tournament or League Tournament to advance to the State/Regional Championship. Championship Tournaments may include *Teams* from a geographic region, province, state, country, or several countries. *Teams* should expect a higher level of competition, both on the field and in the judging room at Championship Tournaments.