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2020-2021 FIRST® Tech Challenge

FIRST Tech Challenge Guidelines for Events Occurring after May 19, 2021
Teams

The basics:

- Teams that are eligible for the FIRST Tech Challenge 2020 season can participate in events after the new season begins on May 19.
- Teams that register for FIRST Tech Challenge after May 9 are not eligible to participate in events until the FIRST Tech Challenge 2021 season begins.

The details:

- The FIRST Tech Challenge Scoring System pulls eligible 2020 season teams through a FIRST Database data call via API. The data from these calls reside in the Scoring System cloud.
- Once team data is updated to the cloud, the team eligibility status is not updated by future API calls for 2020 season data. Team status is static, with only “new” teams updated.
  - Event organizers pull the eligible teams for their region from the scoring system.
  - Event organizers can add individual eligible teams from regions outside of their own.

Volunteers

The basics:

- Volunteers who register for your event will show up in the FIRST Tech Challenge Scoring System.

The details:

- A subset of volunteers will require screening, based on the date of their screening expiration (this is normal and happens every season).
- The scoring system pulls this information from the FIRST database via an API.
- Volunteers must apply for their event roles before May 12.
Program Delivery Partner/Event Organizers

The basics:

- Teams registered by May 9 will populate correctly.
- Volunteers registered by May 12 will populate correctly.
- Events must appear in the FIRST Database.
  - Events must be added to the FIRST Database by May 12.
- Event results will populate correctly.
- Last Official Event Date – June 30.
- Last Off-Season Event Date – August 31.

The details:

- Events added to the FIRST Database must follow all FIRST Tech Challenge Event Guidelines.
- Off Season events will be listed as “scrimmage.”
- The scoring system will not be modified to accommodate event variances.

Dean’s List

- The start of the 2021 season will likely remove all nominations from the system. A manual process will be followed to access the nominations for later events.

Event Support

FIRST Tech Challenge staff will be available to provide support during live events. The after-hours, on-call numbers are:

- 603 206 2412 – for non-technical calls (Judging, Refereeing, Advancement, Tournament Rules, Inspection Rules, etc.).
- 603 206 2450 – for technical calls (robot control system, scoring system).