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### Please Get Your FIRST Coach YPP and FIRST C&R Form Complete Before Registration on Oct. 9, 2023

With an eye towards safety, FIRST has stream lined the Youth Protection Process or YPP for all. Only the 2 Coaches and/or screened Adults acting as Chaperones will be with the team at events. We encourage teams to enlist other known team adults to sign up as Chaperones. The more eyes on your students the better. There are new links in <a href="FLL Challenge Team Info">FLL Challenge Team Info</a> and <a href="FLL Explore Team Info">FLL Explore Team Info</a> under **Team Required Documentation**.

These links point you to the updated process. They also tell you how to invite other adults to help share the burden of working with the team at the events. If one coach cannot show up at the event and you have a YPP checked Chaperone you are good.

### Scrimmage Registration Opens Monday October 2, 2023 at 7:30 PM

We will open the scrimmage links on the website to allow you to register for the scrimmages. These are run as Unofficial Community Events, meaning FMA does not have any say in the event other than to advertise it. Please contact the event organizers if you have questions.

Note: To do this we will update the pages at 7:30PM so you may have to refresh to see the links. It is a manual process so it may take a few seconds or minutes to update.

### **Explore and Challenge Coach Training Recordings Available**

FLL Explore and Challenge Coach training was complete 2 weeks ago. The replay video is available by going to <a href="FLL Challenge Team Info">FLL Challenge Team Info</a> and <a href="FLL Explore Team">FLL Explore Team</a> Info under Coach Training. BTW: There is a part 2 of the Challenge training.

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#### **Masterpiece Challenge Kit Storage Instructions**

There is a new link under <u>FLL Challenge Team Info</u> under **Storing Your Challenge Table Pieces**. This will describe how to set you box up to store a field and then tell you how to put the Masterpiece pieces into it. We hope this helps keep the kits together especially if other need to use the kits at another event.

### **MAR FLL Challenge Tools Update**

An updated version of the MAR Tools has been released. Spike updated to version 3.x so, this new release of the tools has been updated to use the Spike 3.x release. You can find it all under FLL Challenge Team Info under FLL Challenge Team Info under MAR FLL Challenge Tools Spike Prime 3.0 2023

We are still adding content to it but the gyro tools have been released. If you are having problems, watch the 3.0 videos or send me an email. Questions can be discussed on the Let's Be Frank Calls every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. (see the calendars for details and the Zoom link)





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#### **Check the Website**

Welcome to new teams who have registered since the last blast. Please check out the team info pages for subject expert panels and coach training. The <u>Registration and Participation Guide</u> is 97% ready but still under review. We are putting it out now to get you started with the test registration. This Important guide and others can be found can be under <u>Coach's Required Reading.</u>

#### **Test Event Registration Open Now**

Test event registration is ongoing. If you have NOT received an email from us then you are good. Only those who have issues get an email. You can access it directly from any official RQT or Festival event you want to attend by going to the calendars. Please try to register your team during this test time so you can be sure of the process. Registration Testing will end on October 6.

### **Official Event Registration**

Official Event Registration for Regional Qualifying Tournaments (RTQs) and Explore Festivals will open on Monday October 9 at 7:30 PM. Please check out the regional calendars for the events you can attend. <u>As a reminder teams can only participate in their own regions. Once all Explore Teams have attend 1 event, we will open it up to others.</u>

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#### **VERY IMPORTANT!!!! - Check Your Team Information in the FIRST Database**

For all the team Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Administrators, please verify your information in your team entries in the FIRST Dashboard (Mentor Registration) System. You need to make sure your emails and your phone numbers are correct. If any of the positions have changed, please update the database to reflect the changes. *We cannot change any of the data!* 

You can access the Team database by going to <a href="https://firstinspires.org">https://firstinspires.org</a> and then logging in. If you need help making changes, please contact FIRST at (603) 666-3906 or (800) 871-8326 and ask for FIRST Lego League Team support.

Many thanks, let's see if we can all make this a great season.

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