



FLL Challenge / FLL Explore 2023-24 Team Blast 004



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IMPORTANT!!!! Official Event Registration Opening Moved to Mon., Oct. 16, 2023 at 7:30 PM

This season we are looking to ensure FIRST requirements for 2 Youth Protection Process or YPP Adult Coaches for teams at FMA events. Our updated registration process will follow FIRST rules and require 2 adult coaches that passed all their YPP requirements **BEFORE** a team can register.

With an eye towards student safety, FIRST has streamlined the Youth Protection Process for all. We also encourage teams to enlist other known team adults to sign up as Chaperones. Only the 2 Coaches and/or screened Adults acting as Chaperones will be allowed with the team at events. The more eyes on your students the better. There are new links in [FLL Challenge Team Info](#) and [FLL Explore Team Info](#) under **Team Required Documentation**.

These links point you to the updated **FIRST "Streamlined" YPP** 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.

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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 [FLL Challenge Team Info](#) and [FLL Explore Team Info](#) under **Coach Training**. BTW: There is a part 2 of the Challenge training.

Masterpiece Challenge Kit Storage Instructions

There is a new link under [FLL Challenge Team Info](#) 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.

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 <https://firstinspires.org> 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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