



# FLL Challenge / FLL Explore 2023-24 Team Blast 008



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## Referee Rules Updates

**Important: This is a must read for all competing FLL Challenge teams!!!** We have been asked to make a few important calls about the Challenge robot game. You can find it at [2023-24 FMA-FLL Q&A](#). This was added to the [FLL Challenge Team Info](#) website page under **Coaches Required Reading**.

## PA Teams Only! PA Act-153 Clearances due before you can compete!!!!

Since Nov. 3, we have been emailing, actually badgering teams, about the process to get these done. **Bottom line, your team will not be able to compete** until we receive the SignNow document indicating all your adult coaches are covered under PA-Act153. Get details at [FMA-FLL PA-Act 152 Clearance](#). This is required by the State of PA.

### Total SignNow Team Clearances

Program	Teams	Signed	Waiting	Act153	Missing
Challenge	229	167	42	209	20
Explore	60	45	10	55	5

As of now we are about 66% of the way we need to be. Events start in less that 1 week. Teams will not be allowed into the event if these are not taken care of.

**Please do not make us tell your students at check-in, that you cannot compete!!!**

Call 215-823-9593 if you need help.

**Keep reading for more important updates....**

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## PA-East FLL Challenge Championship Update and "Move-On" calcs

**Important Read for PA-East Teams:** We had a banner year for FLL Challenge in PA-East. We are expanding our Championship from 48 to 60 teams. The Google Doc, [2023-24 FMA-FLL PA-East Challenge Championships](#) will describe the Event and how the Move-on from the RQT is calculated. You can access it using the link above or from the [FLL Challenge Team Info](#) website page under **Coaches Required Reading**.

## PA-East FLL Teams Path to FIRST Worlds and other Invitational Events

**Important Read for PA-East Teams:** FIRST Headquarters is shifting to a state-level advancement model on the path to the World Championship and Global Invitationals. As a result, PA Central, PA Southwest, PA Northwest, and PA East were collectively allocated a number of Challenge slots to FIRST Worlds and post season invitational events. Underlying theme, we want every team to get a shot to go to FIRST Worlds. This is all described in the Google Document [2023-24 FMA-FLL PA-East Challenge Championships](#).

For all **FLL Explore teams in PA**, we have been given 1 slot to move to Worlds. We will discuss a process we will follow to allocate that to a team remembering it has to be shared across the 4 regions in PA.

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## Important Items Added to the Coaches Required Reading

We have added several new items. There will all be useful as we get close to events. Please refer to [FLL Challenge Team Info](#) or [FLL Explore Team Info](#) then look under **Coaches Required Reading**.

**2023-24 FMA-FLL Q&A**: We have added an updated a document that will explain some common questions. As more come in we will add to that document. It includes a link to a video explaining how to add parents and students to you team roster.

**Video: Adding Parents and Student to Your Team Roster**: This short video explains how to do this important task.

**Team Info Sheet**: This is a fillable PDF used to communicate information about your team to the judges. Only 1 page allowed.

**FIRST Event Hub Guide for Coaches**: This guide shows the workflow for using the Event Hub. If you do not currently have access to Event Hub, you will receive it the first time you are invited to an event.

**FIRST Consent and Release Forms**: These can be used by team member but it is much better to do it electronically. You will have to bring copies to every official event you attend. (English and Spanish versions)

## Please be sure to get you team Roster Ready for Events

As mentioned above we have a video that will explain how to add parents and then students to your team's roster. Get it all done electronically and event registration will be a breeze.

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## Events in the Spring

We are working on creating a few events in the spring to allow your team to keep going and participate in an event. If you feel you are not ready for your event please come anyway and see what it is all about. Learn the process for next season. For the rest of you don't put away your robots. Last chance to compete.

## Consider Enlisting Parents as an Extra Set of Eyes at Events

FMA is very concerned about students' safety. If you are a coach of many teams, *we strongly recommend* that you have parents get FIRST YPP checked so they can replace a coach if they cannot attend or be an extra set of eyes on the students. Please refer to [FLL Challenge Team Info](#) or [FLL Explore Team Info](#) then look under **Getting Additional Adults (Mentors, Coaches, and Chaperones)** through FIRST YPP.

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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 <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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