



FLL Challenge / FLL Explore 2024-25 Team Blast 009



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Welcome To Our New Teams!!!

Welcome to the 2024-25 FIRST Submerged Season. Please check out our website for the events list, registration system and other specific program information.

[FMA-FLL Team Blasts for 2024-25](#)

MUST READ: [Participation and Registration Document](#)

[Explore Team Info](#)

[Challenge Team Info](#)

[NJ-North Calendar](#)

[PA-East Calendar](#)

Explore Teams can go to a second event

Starting Mon. Nov. 7, 2024 at 7:30 PM, Explore teams can register for a second event! You use the same registration system as before, just select a different event. As before you can select up to 4 choices. Unfortunately, I have not figured out a way to allow cross region registration. I have it on my list for next season.

We have limited slots available! In PA-East we have about 48 open Explore spots at various events. In NJ-North we have 28 open spots. If this is your second event, will get a second invoice with a 02 on the end of the invoice number instead of a 01. Please check your calendars to see what is open. It has been updated to show open spots in the index like this, **RQT: 4 open, Festival: 9 open.**

Please Consider Volunteering at An Event This Season

We are always in need of more volunteers. You get to meet a great team of people who know FLL is wonderful for kids. We need judges too at FLL Challenge Events. We prefer that each team have at least one person volunteer at an event that you team is not attending. Please look under [Volunteers Welcome!](#) On our FAM-FLL website.

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Get Your Team Rosters Ready

Being Event Ready means that your team has 2 coaches that had completed the FIRST Youth Protection Program or YPP process. I can report many have done that so thank you.

Starting this week, I will be sending out your Team Status Reports update. We now need you to be sure that your **students are reported on your Team Rosters!**

If you have any question about this process please refer to the **FIRST Youth Registration System**, under **Teams Required Documentation** under..

[Explore Team Info](#) or [Challenge Team Info](#).

If you have any 8-year-old students, you may not be able to add them to the FIRST system. In this case you will need to bring a paper release form for them. In the coming weeks, I will make sure we have a copy of that under Coach's Required Reading or Team Required Documentation.

PA ACT153 Clearances!

All volunteers working with students (including coaches) in PA must complete extra child abuse clearances. Please look under [Volunteers Welcome!](#) On our FAM-FLL website.

A Few NJ-North Scrimmage Spots Open

There are still a couple of spots left in the North NJ Scrimmages, so if interested please sign up now using this link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd1zo33TGu_DefXH6qygZGcX0FUFIbM26t1iURZNww5qIqBdg/viewform to sign up. This will be the last chance to sign up before I release the last few spots to teams that have requested a second chance to play.

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LET's Be Frank Zoom Call, every Wednesday at 7:30 PM

We had an issue this past week. But we think we are good now.

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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