



Participation Rules

GENERAL

- Teams, coaches and other supporters must demonstrate the [Core Values](#) in their actions and activities.
- Throughout the season, teams need access to the following materials:
 - LEGO® MINDSTORMS® Robot Set
 - Computer or tablet with software to program the robot. (Laptop is recommended.)
- Throughout the season, teams need access to the following season-specific materials:
 - Challenge Set
 - Documents from the season Engineering Notebook and Team Meeting Guide - also available on www.firstlegoleague.org/challenge:
 - Mission Model Build Instructions (released August 1 of Challenge season year)
 - Missions, Rules, Field Setup (released August 1 of Challenge season year, found in Game Guide)
 - Challenge (released at noon ET on August 1 of the Challenge season year)

COMPETITION RULES

A competitive team is one playing in a *FIRST*® LEGO® League official event. These additional rules apply:


- A competitive team consists of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of ten (10) children. Proper adult supervision is required as described in the [FIRST Youth Protection Policy](#).
- A team must be registered and fully paid in their national registration system to sign up for official events. Additional event fees may apply.
- Team members are between the minimum and maximum age allowed in their [region](#).**
- All work presented at an official event is the work of the children on the team.
- All team members attending an event are required to participate in all three (3) judging sessions, and be present as a team at the Robot Game matches.

***A Partner may approve an individual's participation request below or above the age range due to special circumstances or needs*

AWARDS/ADVANCEMENT

A competitive team must meet these additional criteria to be eligible for awards and/or advancement at an official event.

- Teams are at their first official event of each tournament level for the season. For example, teams are only eligible for awards at the first qualifier they compete in each season.

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- Team members' work must conform to the parameters and rules outlined in the Challenge and Challenge Guide.

CONSEQUENCES

FIRST® gives authority to volunteers staffing *FIRST* LEGO League official events to interpret and implement the Participation Rules, guided by global *FIRST* LEGO League training materials.

- Teams, coaches and supporters at official events are expected to demonstrate the [Core Values](#).
 - Individuals interfering with, excessively instructing, prompting or heckling a team or volunteer may be asked to leave.
 - Severe infractions of these rules may result in a team's dismissal from the event. *FIRST* LEGO League official event volunteers are provided training to identify and respond to these situations (See [FIRST Youth Protection Policy](#)).
- Individuals and/or teams who fail to abide by the Participation Rules may be ineligible for awards at a tournament.