

# Start a Team

*FIRST*® Robotics Competition combines the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology. High school students use sophisticated technology to build and program industrial-size robots for a challenging field game. Participants and alumni have access to education and career discovery opportunities, connections to scholarships and employers, and a place in the *FIRST* community for life.

## 1 CONTACT US

[www.cafirst.org/california-leadership/](http://www.cafirst.org/california-leadership/)

## 2 BUILD YOUR TEAM

- ▶ Recruit students, suggested ages 14-18
- ▶ At least 2 adult mentors\*
- ▶ Meeting and build space

\*Team mentors must complete Youth Protection Screening

## 3 REGISTER

- ▶ Visit [www.firstinspires.org/register](http://www.firstinspires.org/register) to create your *FIRST*® account, set up your new team profile, and purchase your season registration.

## 4 PREPARE & BUILD

- ▶ Review team resources at [www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/team-management-resources](http://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/team-management-resources)
- ▶ Design, build, and program your robot to perform specific tasks in the season game against a field of competitors.

## 5 ATTEND AN EVENT

- ▶ Compete alongside other teams at official *FIRST* events.



For more information on fundraising, registration, scholarships, and other resources, visit:

[WWW.FIRSTINSPIRES.ORG/FRC-GET-STARTED](http://WWW.FIRSTINSPIRES.ORG/FRC-GET-STARTED)

## MAY

Registration for the season opens



## JANUARY

Season Kickoff and start of build season



## FEBRUARY-APRIL

Regional and district competitions



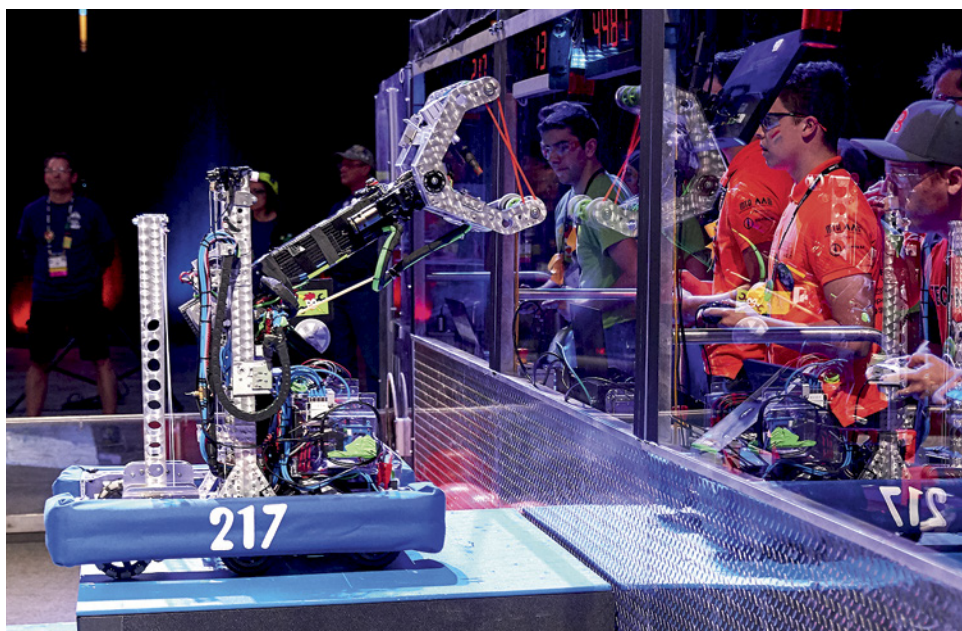
## APRIL

FIRST® Championship



## SUMMER/FALL

Off-season events and prep for next season



**FIRST is a robotics community that prepares young people for the future.**

FIRST is the world's leading youth-serving nonprofit advancing STEM education. Through a suite of inclusive, team-based robotics programs for ages 4-18, FIRST has a proven impact on learning, interest, and skill-building inside and outside of the classroom, creating the people who will change the world – today and tomorrow.

