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CALIFORNIA IS MOVING TO THE DISTRICT MODEL IN 2026

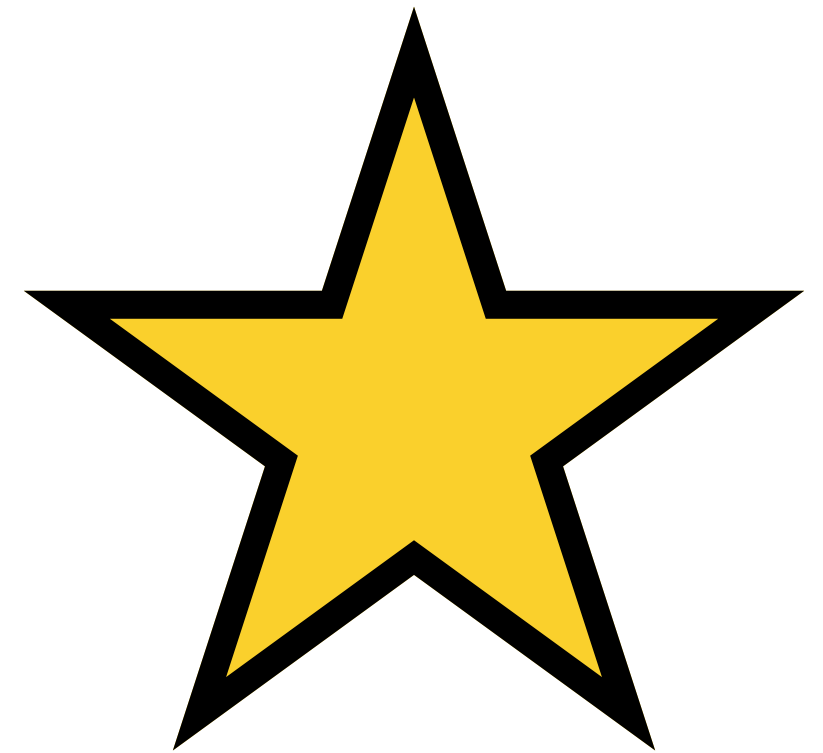


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WHY?

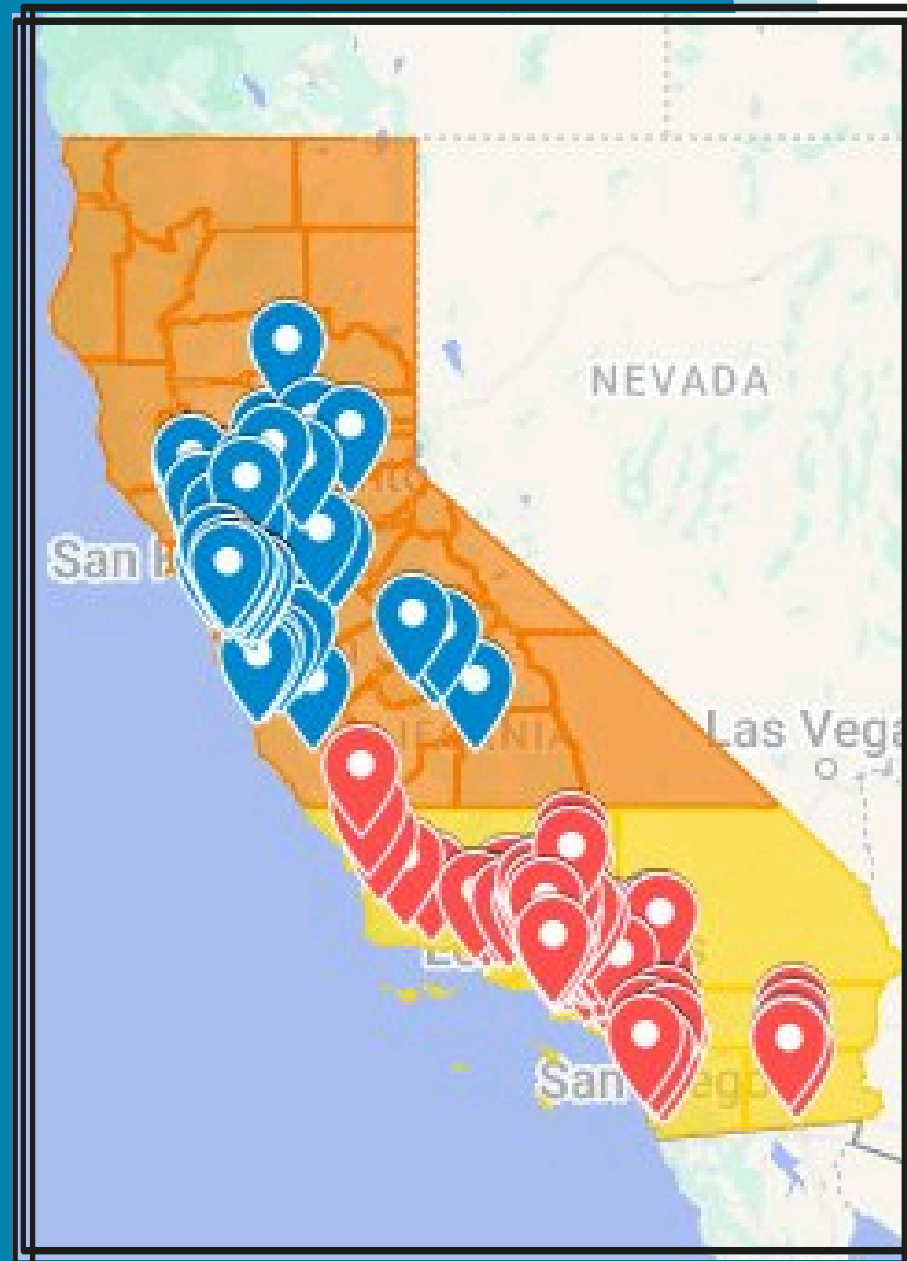
- More plays
- Less cost for first 2 events
- Additional local events
- Mid-tier advancement
- Stronger local community



HOW WILL IT WORK FOR TEAMS?

- Will look and feel like a traditional District
- 2 District events for initial registration cost
 - Teams can play anywhere in CA
- 2 District Championships - one North, one South
 - Based on where team is located

CA GEOGRAPHY



- **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA** (139 teams in 2025)
 - 8 District qualifying events in 2026
 - NorCal District Championship
- **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA** (151 teams in 2025)
 - 8 District qualifying events in 2026
 - SoCal District Championship
- Border is northern border of San Luis Obispo, Kern and San Bernardino counties



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WHO CAN PLAY WHERE?

	CA teams	Non-CA District teams	Regional teams
CA district events	✓	✓ If space allows. No points.	✗ **Task force for 2027
Other district events	✓ If space allows. No points.	✓ If space allows. No points.	✗ **Task force for 2027
Regional events	✓ If space allows. No points.	✓ If space allows. No points.	✓



CALIFORNIA MODEL

- “On-the-books” District
 - RDs are still *FIRST* employees
 - Revenues and expenses through HQ
 - Fields and trucks
 - ShowReady Events
 - Other region expenses

ADVANCEMENT

- District Championship
 - Top 60 teams from NorCal and top 60 teams from SoCal will advance to assigned DChamp
- *FIRST* Championship
 - Ranking points from both DChamps will be combined into one CA list
 - Top 45-ish teams will advance to Houston

AWARDS

Impact Award

- One per district qualifying event
 - Qualifies to play at DChamps
- Probably 2 per DChamps
 - Qualifies to play at *FIRST* Champs

AWARDS

Engineering Inspiration and Rookie All-Star Awards

- One per district qualifying event
 - Qualifies to compete for this award at DChamps
- Probably 1 per DChamps
 - Qualifies to play at *FIRST* Champs

AWARDS

Dean's List Nominees

- 2 from each team

Dean's List Semi-Finalist Award

- Probably 2 at each District qualifying event

Dean's List Finalist Award

- Probably 4 at each DChamps

AWARDS

Woodie Flowers Finalist Award

- Probably 1-2 mentors at each DChamps

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Ask Me Anything sessions in the next few weeks
- Information sessions at all CA Regionals

BIGGEST CONCERNS

- Volunteers
 - WE NEED YOU! [Volunteer here!](#)
- District event venues
- Funding
 - 16 District qualifying events + 2 DChamps

Q & A



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