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NorCal FTC Town Hall

Season Updates
February 15th , 2021



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Everyone is muted

All questions through “question box”

Unanswered questions will be answered on the website

This session is being recorded

link to recording will be posted on the website



Introductions

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Agenda

- Decreasing number of plays
- Waitlists
- Volunteers
- FTC Scoring System
 - Document Submission
 - Playing Matches
- JotForm
- Championship/Advancement
- Communication



Decreased Number of Plays - all March/April event 16 teams

- Struggling to find unaffiliated judge volunteers
- Means fewer teams per event
- Will open more spots if possible
- Size will freeze 2 weeks before judging (1 week before play opens)
- Anticipate all late March and all April events to be full (assuming no more Covid surprises)



Waitlists

- Send email waitlist request to ftcwait@playingatlearning.org
- Can be on up to 3 event waitlists at a time
 - As they expire, can add more
- If opening comes up - must respond quickly
- An open waitlist spot is just like a registration - subject to plays, cancellation, changes, etc.



Volunteers

- Must be unaffiliated with any current FTC team
- ~1 hour of online training & certification
- Event day ~8:00am to 5:00pm-ish with a lunch break

PLEASE help recruit!!

Neighbors, friends,
co-workers!



Volunteer
information
here!



FTC Scoring System

- Document Submission
 - Due noon on Friday!

Select "Judging" to upload docs

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REMOTE
Team 7641

Judging Material Submissions

Submission Deadline: 2/19/2021, 12:00 PM
5 days, 20 hours, 60 minutes remaining.

- Engineering Portfolio [x Upload](#)
- Control Award (Optional) [x Upload](#)
- Feedback Request Form [x Open](#)

Select "Upload"



FTC Scoring System

- Document Submission - Feedback Request Form



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Judging Feedback Form

Teams must complete the top portion of this form and submit it to the Event Judges in order to receive feedback

Team Number	
Team Name	
Team City/State/Province	
Number of students on the team	
What is the one thing your team is most excited to learn or do in this FTC Season (400 characters or less)	
Please describe what Gracious Professionalism means for your team (400 characters or less)	

Coach will fill this out inside the Scoring System - be sure you have student answers to the questions.



FTC Scoring System

- Practice (“Test”) Matches

Select
“Test
Matches”

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Then “Play Test
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- Play Matches

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0 Matches Played
Unranked
RP: -- , TBP1: -- , TBP2: -- , HS: --

[Play Matches](#)
[Open Display](#)
[Enter Offline Matches](#)
[Judging](#)

Then “Play Matches”

Select
“Play
Matches”



FTC Scoring System - Deadlines!!!

- Judging Submissions
 - due by 12pm (noon) the day before the event
- Match Submissions
 - due by 2pm on final day of event - **DON'T PROCRASTINATE**



JotForm

- Collect contact information
- Submit Team Photo
- Submit something to share virtually
- Opt-in for Pit Visits
- Due Tuesday of play week



Championship Update

- Remote Event
- Still evaluating season
- May 1st - 2nd
 - Likely judging Saturday morning and 2nd session on Sunday
 - Awards Sunday evening
 - Play will likely be April 26th @ 7:00am through May 2nd @ 2pm
- Looking at 36-48 teams
- Advancement order from Game Manual Part 1 applies for all events
- Advancement will be proportional for size of events



Event Timeline

- 2 weeks before event date - last day to add capacity
 - (if enough judges)
- Wednesday before event window opens (10-11 days ahead)
 - Confirm event goes forward
 - Registration closes for event
 - Teams receive first email with details
- Event week
 - Sun/Mon at 7:00am - Scoring window opens
 - Tuesday - JotForm Due; Judging schedule emailed out
 - Fri/Sat noon - upload deadline for documents
 - Friday - Zoom login credentials sent to coaches



Event Timeline (continued)

- Judging Day (event date on website)
 - Morning judge interview session (9:00am - noon)
 - 2:00pm deadline for all qualifying scores
 - Afternoon pit interviews (1:30-3:30-ish)
 - Pit Visits with other teams (~3:30-4:30p)
 - (Zoom rooms can be open until 5:45pm-ish)
 - Award ceremony (6:00pm-ish)



Communication

- 12 more events
 - 16-24 teams/event
 - expect 3 emails per team (intro, schedule, Zoom credentials)
- Each event
 - verify rosters, payment, submissions (JotForm, FTC Scoring System)
- Plus managing waitlists, schedule changes, general questions and team support

PLEASE READ YOUR EMAILS - and reply as needed in a TIMELY fashion! Pay attention to your deadlines!



Questions???

To ask a question, please type the question into the Question Box!!!



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