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Email to teams

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Pre-Qualifying teams assignments to tournaments have been posted at <http://flrobotics.org/tournaments/TournamentAssignments.htm> for those teams that registered for a tournament by Saturday, 10/4. You will find a link on that page to download your Invoice for the tournament registration fee of \$50. The Invoice also includes the full address of the tournament and contact information for the tournament director. Payment is made to the host school as indicated on the invoice by check or money order.

There are still seven tournaments that have space, so if you're interested in a Pre-Qualifying tournament, register now at <http://flrobotics.org/tournaments/default.html> The Schedule shows which tournaments are FULL . We will not expand a tournament to accommodate additional teams, so if you register for a FULL tournament you will be placed on a STANDBY list in case of late cancellations.

Qualifying tournament registration will open on Wednesday, 10/15 at 8am. Remember, you must have TWO cleared coaches and a permanent team number in order to register for a tournament. Check your TIMS team summary to verify your clearance status.

TEAM ROSTERS

For a tournament, must print and bring your team roster from the team's TIMs page: <https://my.usfirst.org/fl/tims/site.lasso> Your team members who have had parent consent submitted online will be listed on the Roster. If you have other team members, you can write in their names and bring signed consent forms. Parents can go to <https://my.usfirst.org/stims/> submit their consent online. (They will need the team number.) You, as coach, will receive an email to accept them as your team member. If you get students who are not on your team being submitted to your team you do NOT need to confirm/accept them.

FIELD SETUPS

Several coaches have asked how to get their field setup. This is a separately ordered item available through your TIMS team page. Approximately 2/3 of the way down the page you will see ORDER. If you have TWO cleared coaches and have paid the registration fee (have a team number with 5 or fewer digits), you will find a link to order the Field Setup. This needs to be done soon since they will be closing the order system soon. Cost is \$75 plus \$8 shipping and tax in you don't submit a tax exempt form.

SCORING SOFTWARE

If your team has started accomplishing missions on the board and you want a tool to calculate scores, FIRST has provided one: <http://tinyurl.com/worldclassfl>

This is web based and can run on you laptop, tablet or smartphone. It's easy to use, fairly comprehensive in the rules for scoring. Laura recommends finishing each team meeting with a timed run and record the score -- watch it grow as the season progresses.

Hope your season is going well.

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