

Pennsylvania



2018-2019 Season Kickoff

Kickoffs Across Pennsylvania



North Catholic HS
Cranberry Twp, PA



York Country Day School
York, PA



Penn State Great Valley
Malvern, PA



Temple University
Philadelphia, PA



Welcome!



Agenda

- Pennsylvania FIRST Tech Challenge Season Schedule
 - Coaches Calls
 - *Team Powered!* Workshops and Scrimmages for You by You
 - Blocks Programming Webinars
 - Qualifiers
 - Pennsylvania FTC Championship
- Consent and Release Forms
- Awards and Advancement
- Youth Protection in Pennsylvania
- FTC Team Resources
- Game Reveal!

Pennsylvania FTC Season Schedule



<http://www.ftcpenn.org/ftc-events/2018-2019-season>

Full lineup of Workshops, Scrimmages and Qualifiers

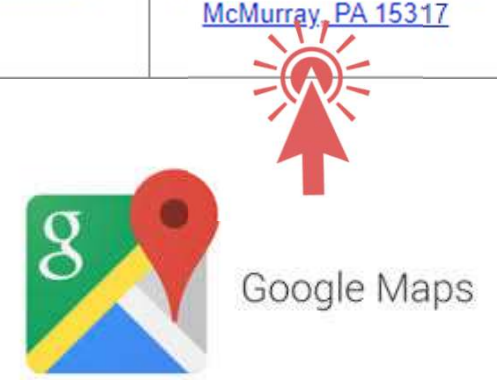
<div><div>Pennsylvania FIRST Tech Challenge</div><div>Home Event Registration FTC Events November 2018</div></div> <div><div>2018-2019 Season</div><div><p>The 2018-2019 game is called ROVER RUCKUS on Saturday September 8, 2018.</p><p>See http://www.firstinspires.org/resources</p></div><div>Pennsylvania FIRST Tech Challenge</div><div><p>Pennsylvania FIRST Tech Challenge events for the 2018-2019 season. The calendar of events contains Pennsylvania FIRST Robotics managed events listed below are Pennsylvania FIRST Robotics managed events.</p><p>Advance registration using our Event Registration system is required to:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">Registration for Kickoffs and Coaches Calls is requested for planRegistration for Workshops and Scrimmages closes 1 week beforeRegistration for Qualifiers closes 2 weeks before the event dateThe registration deadline for Championship is 1 week after your t<p>Minors attending or participating in any of these events must be accom</p><p>Registration for Kickoffs, Coaches Calls, Workshops, and Scrimmages is open.</p><p>Registration for Qualifiers opens the evening of September 8.</p><p>Add an event to your calendar - click on the iCal link to download an iCalendar file, save it to your device, and save it in your mobile or desktop calendar program.</p></div></div>					
2018-2019 Season	Saturday Nov 3 iCal	Scrimmage Register Now!	Ramp Riot Scrimmage Concurrent with Ramp Riot - FRC Off-Season Competition	Wissahickon High School Lower Cafeteria	521 Houston Rd Ambler, PA 19002
	Saturday Nov 10 iCal	Team Powered Workshop Register Now!	Drive It! Philadelphia	Central High School Cafeteria	1700 West Olney Ave Philadelphia, PA 19141
	Saturday Nov 10 iCal	Team Powered Scrimmage Register Now!	Pittsburgh Area Scrimmage	Peters Township Middle School Gymnasium	625 East McMurray Rd McMurray, PA 15317



Add Event to your Calendar



Full Event Details



Find your way

Coaches Call



<http://www.ftcpenn.org/ftc-events/2018-2019-season/coaches-call>



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Coaches Call

The Coaches Calls are an opportunity to learn more about the upcoming Penn mind. So bring your questions, comments, and thoughts on how to improve the schedule.

Event Information

Dates

Wednesday September 12, 2018 - [iCal](#)

Thursday September 13, 2018 - [iCal](#)

Coaches Calls

- Two calls to choose from:
 - #1 - Wednesday 9/12 7:30 PM
 - #2 - Thursday 9/13 7:30 PM
- We would love to hear what is on your mind and answer your questions.

Attend a Coaches Call next Week!

Team Powered! Events for You by You



- ***Team Powered*** events are hosted and managed by Teams
- Your support makes the Pennsylvania FTC program a great success
 - All 11 PA FTC Workshops are ***Team Powered***
 - 4 of 5 PA FTC Scrimmages are ***Team Powered***
- **Participate. Participate. Participate. Make Pennsylvania an FTC Powerhouse!**
 - New to FTC? Learn from those with experience
 - Veteran? Support the host and share your expertise

Thank You to all Team Powered Event Hosts!
Registration is Open Now

Blocks Programming Webinars



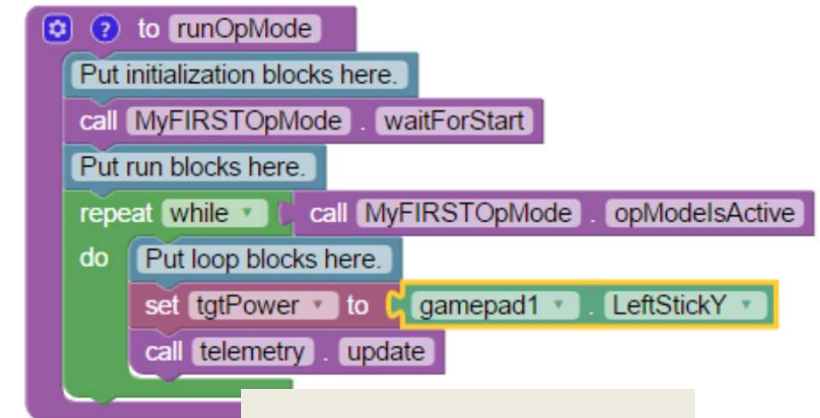
<https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/ftc/technology-information-and-resources>

Blocks Programming Tool

- A graphical development tool
- Powered by Google's Blockly programming language
- No special software needed, only a browser

Blocks Programming Webinar Series

- Head FTA Jim Rumbaugh hosting
- Designed to help rookie FTC teams get started with using BLOCKS to program the robot
- Also good for experienced teams who want to learn more about robot programming
 - Oct 21: Introduction & Simple Teleop
 - Oct 28: Autonomous Programming
 - Nov 4: Debugging Techniques
 - Nov 11: Using Sensors & Vuforia
 - Nov 18: Using Functions



Blocks Code

Qualifiers



- (8) Saturday Qualifiers, including 1 new Qualifier:
 - [West Central Pennsylvania Qualifier](#)
 - Dec 8, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
- (3) new Sunday Qualifiers
 - [Maroon and White Qualifier](#)
 - Jan 6, Oxford Area High School
 - [Blue and White Qualifier](#)
 - Feb 3, Penn State York
 - [Green and Gold Qualifier](#)
 - Feb 17, Emmaus High School

Coaches and Mentors:

Please Volunteer at one or more Qualifiers this season.

We especially need Judges (when your team is not competing) and Referees

11 Qualifiers this Season!
Registration for Qualifiers opens this evening.

Qualifier Registration



Pennsylvania Teams

Qualifiers

- 1st Preference > Registered List
assuming space available
- 2nd Preference > 2nd Priority Waitlist
- 3rd Preference > 3rd Priority Waitlist
- ... and so on

Out of State Teams

Qualifiers

- *Offset is TWO*
- 1st Preference > 3rd Priority Waitlist
- 2nd Preference > 4rd Priority Waitlist
- 3rd Preference > 5th Priority Waitlist
- ... and so on

***Registration
for Qualifiers
opens this
evening!***

Same as Last Season

Qualifier Preferences, Registered Lists and Wait Lists

When registering for Qualifiers, consider award and advancement rules if you plan to compete in other states or regions

Pennsylvania FTC Championship



- The Pennsylvania FTC Championship is expanding!
 - 48 Teams, 2 Divisions, 4 Fields
- 1½ day event
 - Saturday (½ day): Judging and Inspections
 - Saturday night: Team Social
 - Sunday (all day): Competition and Awards Ceremony
- Qualify through Pennsylvania FTC Qualifiers. Team must not have already advanced to FIRST Championship (Worlds) through another region.
- Advance directly to the FIRST Championship in Detroit
 - Super-Regional Championship level eliminated this year

The Pinnacle Pennsylvania FTC Event Will be Bigger and Better than Ever!

Consent and Release Forms



<http://www.ftcpenn.org/event-registration/event-participation-policy>

- The **FIRST Consent and Release Form is required** for all students, mentors, coaches, and volunteers at all Pennsylvania FTC Workshops, Scrimmages, Qualifiers, and State Championship
 - Electronic or paper form acceptable. If paper, it must be presented at each event
 - For students, form must be signed by parent or legal guardian not coach
- Those **without signed a FIRST C&R Form** are welcome to watch the event from the stands, but **may not participate** in the event
 - Not allowed in the Pits or in the Competition area

Awards and Advancement



Awards and Advancement in Game Manual Part 1

7.2 Eligibility for Judged Awards

Teams are eligible to be considered for all Judged Awards except the Inspire Award ... at any one of the first three events they participate in at each of the following levels.

- League Tournament • Qualifying Tournament • Super Qualifying Tournament • Championship Tournament

7.2.1 Inspire Award Eligibility

Teams that have won the Inspire Award at another event of the same level, regardless of the region, cannot be considered for the Inspire Award or as an Inspire Award Finalist at additional events at that level.

7.3 Eligibility for Advancement

Teams are eligible for advancement at any one of the first three events they participate in at any of the following levels, regardless of the region.

- League Tournament • Qualifying Tournament • Super Qualifying Tournament • Championship Tournament

Award and advancement opportunities now consider events participated in across all states and regions

Youth Protection in Pennsylvania



<http://www.ftcpenn.org/volunteer/youth-protection>



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Youth Protection

Pennsylvania FIRST Robotics strives to provide a safe environment for students at our events. As part of this effort, volunteers and adults affiliated with a Team to follow Pennsylvania laws and FIRST's policies.

Pennsylvania Child Protection Services Laws

In 2014 and 2015 the Pennsylvania legislature updated the [Child Protection Services Law](#) changing how Pennsylvania responds to child abuse. These changes affect the reporting, investigation, assessment, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases. Beginning August 25, 2015, many adult volunteers required to obtain background checks, including the Child Abuse History Clearance, issued by the Department of Human Services, and the Criminal History Record issued by the Pennsylvania State Police.

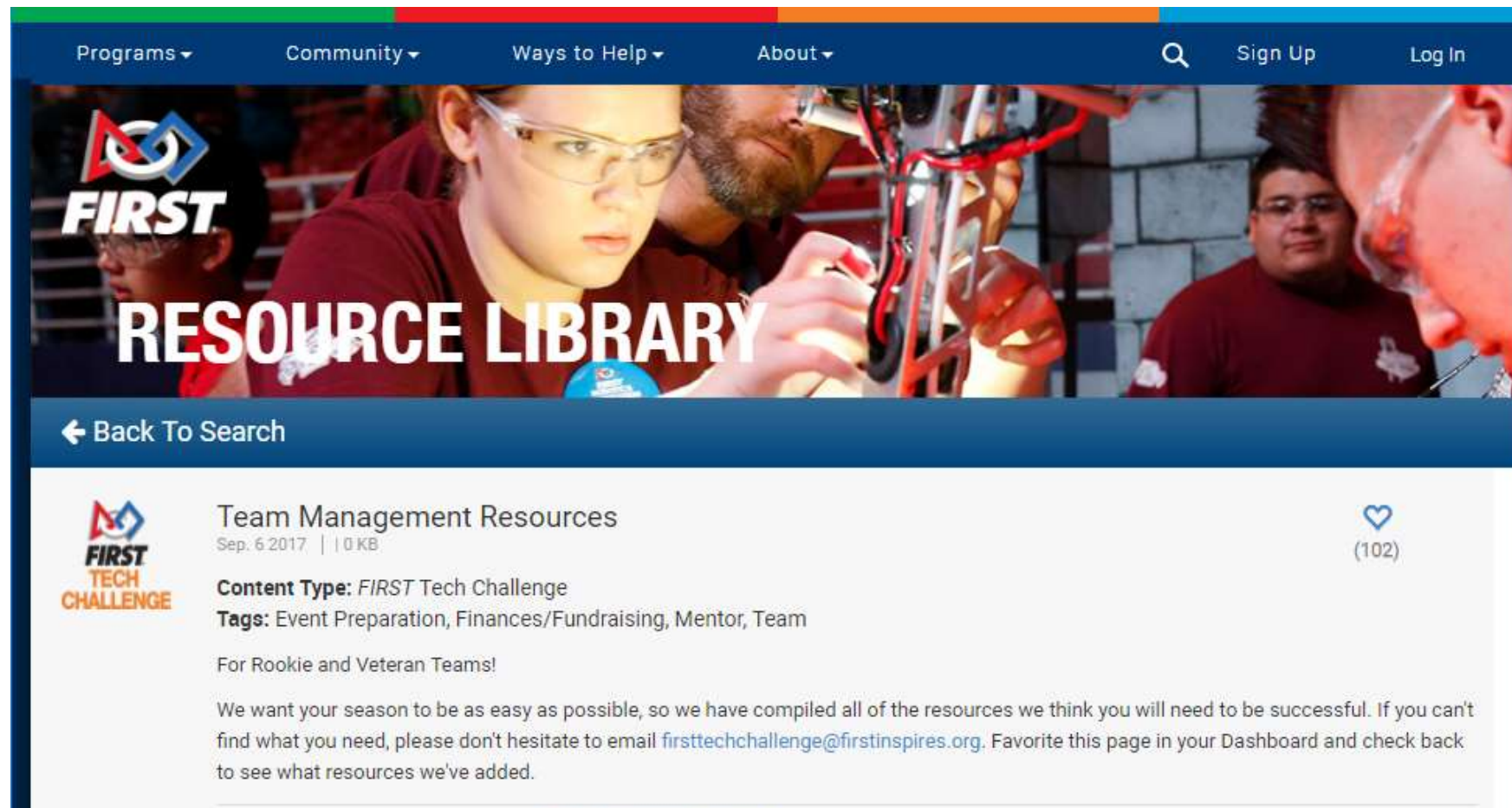
More information may be found on the Pennsylvania Keep Kids Safe website <http://keepkidssafe.pa.gov>, including [Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions](#).

***Pennsylvania Child Protection Laws
Affects both Adults Affiliated with a Team and Event Volunteers***

FTC Team Resources



<https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/ftc/team-management-resources>



FIRST provides many resources to help your team.

This is Your FTC Program



- Thank you to all of the coaches, mentors, students, and volunteers who help make the Pennsylvania FIRST Tech Challenge program successful.
- Please participate in the workshops and scrimmages that your fellow teams are hosting. Help them help others. Share your knowledge.
- We are looking forward to a great 2018-2019 Season!

ROVER RUCKUS



Presented By **Qualcomm**

Game Reveal!