

Hello Coaches & Mentors,

The INTO ORBIT Challenge Sets began to ship! Instruction for assembling the models will be publicly available in a few weeks. It is important to register your team with FIRST early enough so that the challenge set is received before the season starts.

The INTO ORBIT Challenge will be announced on August 1, 2017 at 9:00 AM PST.

REMINDERS...

1. Workshops for Coaches: There are four Coaches Workshops: Introduction to FLL (Jun 1 & July 21) and Advanced EV3 Programming (July 1 & July 22). For details or to register, please click [here](#).

2. Challenge Release Workshop: Teams that registered with *FIRST* and have an official team number, can now sign up for the Challenge Release Workshop(s) using this [link](#). I will be hosting two workshops in Montrose on August 18th.

3. Judging Process: Based on the positive feedback from last season, our region will continue using the new judging process which is a single 20-minute interview to cover the three categories. The pilot is expanding to other regions. See details [here](#).

4. Registered Team List: You can find the list of registered teams on our website [here](#). Please note that if you see a "-" in the YPP column, it is an indication that either the coach or assistant coach has not completed the Youth Protection Plan (YPP) screening. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

5. Qualifying Tournaments: The list of Qualifying Tournament is now available [here](#). I would like to welcome the Christy Evans from Torance West High, who is our 18th Qualifying Tournament site. Please use the list to help you

with planning.

6. Core Values: To unify the explanation of Core Values across all of FIRST's program, FIRST introduced a new definition that expresses the philosophies of Gracious Professionalism® and Coopertition® through the following list:

- **Discovery:** We explore new skills and ideas.
- **Innovation:** We use creativity and persistence to solve problems.
- **Impact:** We apply what we learn to improve our world.
- **Inclusion:** We respect each other and embrace our differences.
- **Teamwork:** We are stronger when we work together.
- **Fun:** We enjoy and celebrate what we do!

The essence of core values has not changed nor will this change affect the rubrics or judging; it is merely a clarification that applies to all of FIRST programs: FLL Jr., FLL, FTC and FRC. For teams that prepared Mnemonics, skits, posters or presentations using the prior eight core values, it may be time to revisit and tweak them.

Check your Region

For teams whose address fall outside of the region's area and who chose to participate in tournaments in our region due to logistical proximity, please check your team's designated region. If you still wish to participate in any of the Los Angeles Region tournaments, please change your region in the firstinspires dashboard. Conversely, if you wish to participate in the Southern California region's tournaments, please make the change. Teams are allowed to participate in only one region.

LA FLL Updates: if you missed any of the prior updates (email blasts), you can find them here [here](#).

NEW: Check out the new [Coach's Handbook](#) with excellent resource links