



Hello Coaches & Mentors,

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.

Youth Protection Program (YPP)

Our website now includes the [list of teams](#) that registered with *FIRST*. Please note

the "YPP" column which should have a check mark ✓ indicating that the coach and assistant coach have completed the Youth Protection Program questionnaire. Be sure to check the status of your team and complete them.

Teams that registered with *FIRST* can now sign up for the **Challenge Release Workshop** using this [link](#).

Tournament Updates

We have confirmation from Parras MS in Redondo Beach, and Suzanne MS in Walnut; both will be hosting qualifying tournament on Nov 10th. Here is the latest list of [Practice and Qualifying Tournaments](#).

Coaches Workshops

The coaches workshop schedule is posted [here](#). There are two FLL Introduction for Coaches (June 30 & July 21) and two Advanced EV3 Programming (July 1 & July 22).

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