

FLL 10.2 Indiana Team Update #1

Hello Indiana FLL Teams!

On behalf of all the Indiana FLL tournament directors and our Indiana Championship Tournament staff, I want to welcome all new Indiana teams to FLL and also to welcome back and thank all of you veterans who do such an awesome job with your teams!! I am always amazed at what you do...your time...your dedication...your energy!

Team registration closed on Wednesday and this year Indiana has 159 teams signed on for the 2009 season.

On to some news...this email update will be the first of many sent out to keep you updated about what is happening in Indiana and to send out reminders. If you are not the coach but you are an administrator, please pass this on to your FLL coach and have them email me with their contact information.

Two items in this email:

1. Indiana Qualify Tournament Registration

2. Fort Wayne Coach Clinic

1. All Indiana teams that would like to participate in a Qualifying Tournament must register through the Indiana website hosted by Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) College of Engineering, Technology, and Computer Science (ETCS). The website is:

www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fll

On this website you will find:

--Location and basic information like date, time, maximum attendance number, contact person for each Qualifying Tournament.

--Directions for how to register

--Dates of registration which are: October 12 at 7:30 a.m. (Eastern) -October 16 at 5:00 p.m.

--You will also see a link to information about the Indiana Championship Tournament

--Posting of all updates like this one and also announcing any events going on in Indiana that have been submitted to us.

(special note: the person who recently submitted the scrimmage to me please re-send that information for posting ...thank you)

Qualifying Tournament (QT) Registration Info:

---DATES: October 12, 7:30 a.m. - October 16, 5:00 p.m. (Eastern) ONLY ONE WEEK THIS YEAR!

---TOURNAMENT CHOICE: You can choose which tournament to attend but we are asking that you choose a tournament close to your location unless it is full. This year, our state tournament committee reserves the right in extenuating circumstances to ask a team to move to a tournament closer to them to make certain that all teams have a place to compete.

---Indiana QT Registration Log in and Password: We DO NOT use the FIRST passwords that you created with FIRST when you registered your team to participate in FLL. For the Indiana QT registration you will use your FLL team number as BOTH your log in and pass word. These directions are posted on the website.

---48 teams will advance from all the QT's to the Indiana Championship Tournament which is on Dec. 12. Information on the Championship Tournament is posted on the website: www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fll

---Once you register on line through the Indiana website listed above, you will print a confirmation form and mail it with your tournament fee to the QT that you selected. From that point on, all communications about Qualifying Tournament procedures will come from that tournament's director.

2. Coach Clinic:

A free Coach Clinic will be held next week in Fort Wayne offered by IPFW and hosted by Science Central. The clinic is to review the basics of NXT software and is particularly set up for new coaches or those who want to learn more of the basics about the software. Clinic teachers are Greg and Kitty Bellis, former coaches of the ZBOTS team. There is no fee but due to space, registration is necessary by sending an email of your intention to attend to Caryl Spira at spirac@ipfw.edu. Please bring a lap top if you have one with the NXT software as we have limited computers.

Place: Science Central, 1950 N. Clinton, Fort Wayne

directions at www.sciencecentral.org

Date: Oct. 7

Time: 4:00-5:30 (EASTERN)

When you enter the building, just indicate you are there for the FLL Coach Clinic. There will be no entrance fee.

A short orientation will be held at 3:45 to review what happens at a typical tournament for new coaches.

Stay tuned for more upcoming Indiana FLL information in the weeks to come...

Have fun!

Carol Dostal

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