

Update 12.10.08

Hello FLL Championship Coaches:

Congratulations on advancing to the FLL Indiana Championship Tournament!!

We are very busy preparing everything for the tournament and anxious to see all of you and your teams! The excitement is building for our 9th year hosting the FLL Championship...can't wait until next year for our 10th anniversary celebration!

Please see below the following:

1. World Festival Lottery
2. FLL Core Values Nomination: Submission of a nomination at the Champ. Tournament
3. DVD orders: multiple addresses causing problems
4. Team Names: stop confusing us!
5. Pit Table Assignment posted Dec. 11
6. Weather
7. Against ALL Odds submissions
8. Last minute reminders: read Team Information Sheet from your packet or (if you lost it) posted at the website: www.etc.ipfw.edu/fll

1. World Festival Lottery: Last week, FLL sent out an email message to all teams regarding which Championship Tournaments would be advancing a team in April to the World Festival in Atlanta based on their lottery system. As most of you know, due to a lack of space for all Championship teams, FLL now uses a lottery system to determine who will participate at the World Festival. In case you did not check the list posted on the national website, Indiana will be advancing our Championship team to the World Festival.

The second place Championship Team will be invited to the National Invitational to be held in Ohio. We will also be nominating a team to be considered for an invitation to the World Festival as one of the FLL Core Values teams; see info. in #2.

2. FLL Core Values Nominations: Each QT will nominate one team as an FLL Core Values finalist team (6 finalists from QT's). The Championship Tournament will also have a finalist nomination. From all 7 of these finalist teams, we will choose the Indiana FLL Core Values nomination to FLL to be considered by FLL for invitation to the World Festival. You may submit a nomination at the tournament on Saturday. See attached form. You may nominate again even if you have submitted one at your QT. You may nominate ANY team, not just those attending the Championship Tournament. You may not nominate yourself. Please submit these nominations to the Information Table at any time throughout the day up until 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, Dec. 13.

3. DVD orders: Many of you are not indicating on the Championship Registration form (hard copy sent by mail or fax) which address is correct regarding where you would like the DVD you ordered mailed. Since we sometimes have 2 addresses: one for a school and one for a coach's home this can cause problems. Just so you know, unless you tell us on your printed registration form or in an email to Randi Boyd (boydrs@ipfw.edu), we will be sending your DVD's to the address that you put in your on line registration.

4. Team Names: Please help!! We are wondering why some of you are registering on line with one team name and then putting a different team name down on your mailed/fax registration forms. This causes much confusion for our staff when placing names in the program, on your packets, and on the emcee announcements for the tournament. We want to have your team name correct!

Here are the names that YOU registered on line. Unless you have communicated something different to our administrative assistant, Randi Boyd (a woman)...your name will appear as you wrote it when confirming your attendance on line as listed below:

4986	Climate Cowboys
4983	Atmosphere Agents
1572	Trine University Lego Thunderstorms
4022	I-Robotics
4224	Da Nerdz
8139	Ninja MAWB
1042	Tech Kids
600	Bremen Botz!
2255	Lego Masters
3666	Stanley S.W.A.T.
6330	St. Bartholomew NanoIrish
2162	Taylorville Aquabots
767	RAC1 - SparkWave
3957	Mt. Healthy Eagles
4543	The Block Busters
4995	Super Robot Lego Team
5289	RoboJeeps
20	The Riptides

- 5 Chill Out
- 475 Harding Mechanical Mayhem
- 220 The Robotiacs
- 594 NXT Generation Christians
- 265 Lafayette Shamrocks
- 422 Wallace Bobcats
- 288 Hess Hawks
- #325 Electric Shrimp
- 408 O'Bannon Climate Protectors
- 509 Purplebots
- 33 The Connersville B.O.T.S (1) we added the numbers to distinguish them
- 48 The Connersville B.O.T.S (2)
- 5605 The Lego Lancers
- 342 Lego Devils 2
- 65 Central SpaceLab TWO
- 52 Central SpaceLab ONE
- 376 Stonybrook 1
- 377 The Super Geeks
- 378 The Jelly Doughnuts
- 4407 The Dancing Nerd Herd
- 4875 MEGA FUSION
- 5102 Wildcats 2
- 835 The Trilogy
- 2562 SeCRET
- 1726 ZBOTS
- 5576 Rubber Ducks
- 6479 Techno 5
- 1898 Central Circuit Chargers
- 6009 Ultra Troubleshooters
- 7551 LIGHT SAVERS
- 1640 Lego Olympians

To make any corrections, contact Randi Boyd at boydrs@ipfw.edu

5. Pit Table Assignments: The diagram showing all table assignments will be posted at the Indiana FLL website tomorrow afternoon:
www.etcs.ipfw.edu/fl

Look under Championship Tournament where we list all tournament documents. I will place teams close together with the same coach and from the same QT. If you have a special request for placement (example: disabled student/coach and want to be closer to the judging rooms) than you need to tell me TODAY. Email special requests to: dostal@ipfw.edu

6. Weather: we have never been forced to cancel our tournament for weather related problems happening in various parts of the state. If at all possible to proceed, we do not cancel primarily due to the huge set up for this event as well as over 80 volunteers. There is no alternative location or date available for us. Please read the weather policy on the website. We will continue with the tournament unless travel is absolutely not possible within Fort Wayne/Allen County. Under very serious circumstances, we might be forced to delay the tournament an hour and that announcement would be placed on my office voice mail phone: 260-481-6905. Please, only coaches call if you have questions and, of course, use your best judgement for the safety of your team.

If you are forced to cancel or arrive late due to unexpected weather travel issues, please leave a message on my office number above which I will check often or, on Saturday morning you may call my cell (coaches were emailed #)

7. Against All Odds submissions: We have received 3 submissions for this award. If you want to submit an entry, see the Coach letter and follow directions prior to the tournament.

8. Read your Team Information list for reminders about what to bring but please do not forget your media consent and release forms even if you submitted a set to your QT. We need our own copies for our university pictures.

On behalf of our FLL Tournament Steering Committee and the Tournament Staff we wish you all safe travels and the best of luck!!

See you Saturday!
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