



FLL Qualifying Tournaments

Definition:

Qualifying Tournaments, or qualifiers, follow the same judging standards and a similar format to Championship tournaments, but have some flexibility in design and awards. They abide by FLL standards in format, judging, awards and overall quality. They are organized by the FLL Partner or a Qualifying Partner or Tournament Director approved by the region's FLL Partner. For many FLL teams and regions, a qualifying tournament is the highest level of FLL tournament participation they will experience.

FAQ's

Why are qualifying tournaments being held this season?

In short, because FLL has had such great success throughout the greater Kansas City metro! As we have continued to grow, it has become increasingly difficult to manage one championship event open to all metro-wide FLL teams. It has been determined by FIRST and the KC STEM Alliance that it is to the benefit of the teams to compete in qualifying tournaments offering the same level of competition and fun, just in a more manageable situation.

How many qualifying tournaments will be held in Kansas City?

At this time, three qualifying tournaments are planned for the 2011 FLL Season.

What are the dates of the Kansas City qualifying tournaments?

November 19, December 3 and December 10

What is the date of the Kansas City Championship Tournament?

January 14, 2012

Where will the Kansas City qualifying tournaments take place?

At this time, the locations of these three qualifying tournaments are undetermined. Communications will be sent out once the locations have been confirmed.

How will teams register for these qualifying tournaments?

Once the locations have been confirmed, teams will be asked to register their teams online at www.kcfirst.org. Teams will register for the qualifying tournaments on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will be capped at 40 teams for each qualifying tournament. When one qualifying tournament reaches its maximum registration capacity, it will close for registration and teams will be required to select from the remaining open qualifying tournaments. Payment for registration must be received before your spot is confirmed.

Remember, teams must be registered with US FIRST before registering for a KC qualifying tournament. They are not eligible for registration locally if they have not registered nationally. Visit <http://gofll.usfirst.org> to register your team.

Can teams register for more than one qualifying tournament?

No, individual teams may register and compete at one qualifying tournament only. Teams will register for the qualifying tournaments on a first-come, first-served basis.

Can a team compete in the Kansas City Championship Tournament without competing in one of the qualifying tournaments?

No, teams competing in the Kansas City Championship Tournament must have competed in and advanced from one of the Kansas City qualifying tournaments.

When will online registration open for the qualifying tournaments?

Updates to www.kcfirst.org are underway and communications will be sent out via email as soon as the online registration portal has been finalized.

Can my school or organization be considered as a host site for a qualifying tournament or the Championship Tournament?

Yes, as long as the site meets the host site requirements. To learn more about host site opportunities, please contact Paul Borchardt, KC FIRST Regional Director, at borchardtp@kcstem.org.

Who can I contact for more information regarding the FLL tournament system?

For more information, please contact Paul Borchardt, KC FIRST Regional Director, at borchardtp@kcstem.org, or Eunice Brown, KC FIRST Program Specialist, at browneu@kcstem.org.