

# FIRST Robotics Information Meeting: FAQs

## How do I register my student for a team?

Registration information and links are on the the Novi Robotics webpage at <https://hs.novi.k12.mi.us/student-life/novi-robotics>. Registration is through GoFan.

## What are the responsibilities of the Coaches vs. Parent Mentors?

Coaches are the single point of contact for *FIRST* communications. This is often an administrative position handling scheduling, permission forms, event registration, team communication, etc. All parents are expected to mentor the team in at least one area: host, project research/engineering notebook, robot/model build, programming, core values, outreach/sponsorship, administration, etc.

## How do I find a team for my student?

Students registered through Novi Robotics will be placed on a team with openings or on a rookie team as needed. When completing the student registration, students can indicate a prior team number and friends they would like to be with on a team.

## How often do teams meet?

Meeting times vary by team and program. A general rule of thumb:

- FLL Explore (K/3 grades) – 1-2 times a week
- FLL Challenge (4/6 grades) – 2-3 times a week
- FTC (7/8 grades) – 3+ times a week

Teams generally meet more often as competition approaches. When weighing family commitments, consider robotics as your student's fall sport or main activity.

## Are there any costs in addition to the GoFan registration?

The GoFan registrations paid are intended to meet a team's expenses for the season. Smaller teams, teams that travel to attend qualifiers and teams that advance beyond a qualifier may need to raise additional funds. Teams often apply for grants and sponsorships to cover additional costs, especially at the FTC level.

## Is the team equipment provided?

Yes, each Novi Robotics team comes with the equipment to compete. Teams may need to purchase replacement parts, additional design parts or upgrade their equipment. The team members' GoFan registrations provide the team funds for the season's expenses. Each team works together to create a budget for the season and track expenses.

## What training or support is available for rookie coaches and teams?

FLL Explore and Challenge meeting guide and engineering notebooks with team registration.

Coach meeting – June 18<sup>th</sup>

FLL Challenge and FTC programming classes – July/Aug TBD

FLL Kickoff team event – Aug 6<sup>th</sup>

FTC Kick off events – Sept 7<sup>th</sup>

FLL Rookie Team Workshop – Sept TBD

FLL Challenge & FTC Curriculum: <https://www.firstinspires.org/community/educators/curriculum>

Novi Robotics adult and student mentors available for questions throughout the season.