



Team Qualifier Registration System Requirements

HydroDynamics Season 2017-2018

FIRST Lego League of Eastern Missouri Qualifier Registration System has been modified from 'first-come, first-serve' to a *preference-based* system. The change should reduce the stress experienced by teams rushing to get their specific placement as soon as registration opens.

Qualifier Registration System Updates

- Qualifier Registration is scheduled to open the week of **Sept 25th – Sept 29th**
- The registration link is time-activated and will become visible on **Sept 25th** at our FIRST LEGO League Team Portal page <http://stfirst.org/fll-team-portal>
- Registration is \$75. Payment is by credit card and is non-refundable*. Payments go through the St Louis Community College-Florissant Valley Foundation.
- Teams will select **4 qualifying events (ranked 1-4)**.
- Teams will be 'placed' into **1 event** by the Eastern Missouri Committee by **Oct 10th**. We will do our best to honor a teams' 1st or 2nd place preference, but this is NOT guaranteed.
- Teams with paid National FIRST Registration, two screened coaches or an Invitation Code** will be placed first.
- Teams who have not yet paid National FIRST Registration may register for our qualifiers, but will not be placed into an event until our region is notified by FIRST HQ that National Registration is paid.
- December Events will have **extremely restricted registration quantities**.
- Each Team is requested to supply at least one volunteer for an event. The Volunteer User Guide may be found here:
https://www.firstinspires.org/sites/default/files/uploads/resource_library/volunteer/volunteer-registration-user-guide.pdf.

Please reference the FAQs in this section for detailed information.

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Qualifier Event List

event name	Current Capacity (Subject to change) ***	date start	address	event city	Zip Code
Q01 Brittany Woods Middle	20-24	2017-11-11	8125 Groby Road	University City	63130
Q02 Saint Charles Community College	20-24	2017-11-11	4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive	Cottleville	63376
Q03 Bishop DuBourg	12	2017-11-11	5850 Eichelberger Street	St. Louis	63109
Q04 Brittany Woods Middle	20-24	2017-11-12	8125 Groby Road	University City	63130
Q05 St. Louis University High School	20-24	2017-11-12	4970 Oakland Avenue	St. Louis	63110
Q06 Saint Charles Community College	20-24	2017-11-12	4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive	Cottleville	63376
Q07 Southeast Missouri State Univ	12	2017-11-18	One University Plaza	Cape Girardeau	63701
Q08 Christian High School	20-24	2017-11-18	1145 Tom Ginnever Ave.	O'Fallon	63366
Q09 Wentzville Middle School	20-24	2017-11-18	405 Campus Drive	Wentzville	63385
Q10 Christian High School	20-24	2017-11-19	1145 Tom Ginnever Ave.	O'Fallon	63366
Q11 Wentzville Middle School	20-24	2017-11-19	405 Campus Drive	Wentzville	63385
Q12 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Catholic School	12	2017-12-02	3500 St. Catherine St	Florissant	63033
Q13 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne	12	2017-12-03	3500 St. Catherine St	Florissant	63033
Q14 MICDS	20-24	2017-12-09	101 North Warson Rd	St. Louis	63124

FAQ

Q. How does a team get an Invitation Code**?

A. Invitation Codes may be provided to teams associated with a host venue, teams with a proven track record of supporting events (as verified through the *FIRST* Volunteer Registration System) or upon the recommendation of the Partner or Tournament Director.

Q. How many teams may compete at a qualifier?

A. Each qualifier will have room for 12-24 teams. There will be enough space for each team to compete at one qualifier. However, we cannot guarantee location or date. Teams demonstrating a flexibility in their preferences will most likely be placed into one of their preferred choices.

Q. My team is available only one day; Can I put down that event for all 4 choices?

A. The system will not prevent you from putting the same choice into all 4 choices. Please be aware that teams with the greatest 'event preference' flexibility will be the most likely to obtain a spot. Exceptions will be made for those teams with an Invitation Code.

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Q. Our team volunteers every year to assist with setup and plan to do so again this year. We didn't receive a code; should we have?

A. Since we are an all-volunteer committee, we may have missed adding some teams for the Invitation Code. Please contact fl@stlfirst.org if you have not received a code by Sept 19th.

Q. I have three school teams coming by bus; they must attend the same qualifier. Can they do so?

A. When registering multiple teams, please indicate the same qualifier ranking for each team. In addition, indicate that all teams need to be placed together in the comment section. We will do our best to place teams at the same event if the multiple-teams account for less than 20% of total venue ability. For example, a school needing a 4-team placement should register for a larger event. Organizations with more than 5 teams will unlikely be placed together unless they are issued an Invitation Code.

Q. I have two teams but I do not want them at the same qualifier. What steps do I take?

A. You may register the teams together, but indicate different preferences for each team, AND indicate in the comments section that teams should be placed at different venues.

Q. I am registering multiple teams; I don't have a preference where they go. Should I do anything different?

A. Indicate each team preference, no comments or other information is needed.

Q. We have not received our field kit; should I still register for a qualifier?

A. Yes. Your 'paid' National Registration date and Team Number (rookie teams have a higher number) will be considered when assigning you to a qualifier. Depending upon the circumstances, your team may be considered for a spot at a December event.

Contact fl@stlfirst.org

Q. I was placed into an event and my team notified me that 50% of the students can't attend.

A. This is not uncommon. Please bring the team anyway; the experience will be extremely valuable!

Q. Can I exchange with another team to go to a different event?

A. No, team-initiated 'swaps' will not be honored and both teams risk losing their space at an event.

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Q. We want to help with setup, but that role isn't available on the Volunteer Registration system. What do we do?

A. Contact fl@stlfirst.org and provide your team number and which event. Depending upon the Event, your team may qualify to receive an Invitation Code.

Q. I have a parent who wants to Judge, will that be allowed?

A. We prefer that individuals with a team affiliation sign up to judge AFTER their team has competed. Depending upon the event, having a supplying a judge *may* qualify a team to receive an Invitation Code (contact fl@stlfirst.org)

Q. I have a parent who wants to Referee, will that be allowed?

A. Yes. The parent will need to notify the head referee to avoid a conflict of interest. Depending upon the event, having a supplying a Referee *may* qualify a team to receive an Invitation Code (contact fl@stlfirst.org)

Q. Does a volunteer have to be a team member/parent?

A. No. An event volunteer can be anyone over the age of 14. If your team wants to receive 'credit' for a volunteer, please ask your volunteer to indicate an association with your team # when registering with *FIRST*

More questions? Let us know!

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