

Getting to a FIRST® LEGO® League Tournament



Fundraising

Participation in *FIRST*® LEGO® League costs money, but fundraising is an activity the whole team can get involved with:

-  Encourage the team to work together to raise funds through activities such as bake sales, quiz nights or sponsored activities.
-  Engage with the school community and share the journey via the school's existing communication channels.
-  Write to local businesses to ask for sponsorship. In return, offer them the chance to come and see the robot in action, watch the presentations and provide professional feedback.

Going to a Regional Tournament

Attending a regional tournament is an amazing opportunity and could even lead to the chance to attend Nationals – trust us, it is worth the effort!

-  Your tournament host will give you all the information you need, make sure you read and respond to their communications in a timely manner and seek clarification if needed.
-  Tournaments can be crowded, fast-paced, noisy environments. Make your tournament host aware if any of any team members have access requirements or could find this kind of environment challenging.
-  When on site, especially in an industrial workplace setting, it is a matter of health, safety and security to ensure all instructions are heard and followed by everyone. It is the responsibility of the adults attending with the teams to ensure high standards of behaviour are maintained.
-  Make sure everyone has fun – we will help with that!

Please see the [Graphic Science website](#) for more on our regional tournaments.

Regional Tournament: Logistics

Your tournament host will send you all the relevant logistical information in the lead up to your tournament. This will include:

- Parking and arrival information
- Risk Assessments
- Any security requirements from the venue (e.g. adults may need to bring ID)

Before the day, we need...

- A full register of participating students and supporting adults (event H&S).
- To be made aware of any additional needs or health concerns (e.g. severe allergies) that may need accommodation.

What to bring

Admin

- A full register of your students including a list of students who do not have photo permission granted.
- Photo ID is required for all supporting adults.

Comfort

- Lunch, snacks and a drink for all adults and students.
- Any other items students may need to help them manage the competition environment (which can be loud).

Competition

- Your Innovation Project and any posters or props.
- Your robot, any attachments and LEGO spares.
- Your device and your code.
- Chargers for your robot and device.
- Your presentation(s) - Innovation Project & Robot Design.

Available on the day

- 'Pit Area' for teams to leave their bags and display their Innovation Project
- School pack including team timetables and pit activity information.
- 'No photo' lanyards for students without photo permission.
- Teas / coffees for adults only.
- Practice mat for teams to use to make last minute adjustments.

Timetable highlights

- **School arrival: Between 9am-9.20am**
- Welcome Ceremony: From 9.30am
- Robot Games & Judging Sessions: From 10.00am
- Robot Game Knockout Rounds: From 1.30pm
- Award Presentation: From 2.30pm
- **School depart: 3.00pm**



Plan for the day

During the tournament the team will have **scheduled participation** in:

ROBOT GAMES

- 3 rounds of Robot Games
- 2.5 minutes long
- Highest score counts

JUDGING SESSIONS

- Innovation Project (5 mins)
- Robot Design (5 mins)
- Q&A (10 mins)

Teams will be allocated time slots for the Robot Game and meeting with judges. Timetables will be provided upon arrival at your tournament. Teams will also have the opportunity for **flexible participation** in:

PRACTICE MAT

- A space to refine or make alterations to your robot, code or strategy

PIT ACTIVITY

- A little activity to complete in their pit areas

LEARN FROM OTHERS

- Watch other teams' presentations and robot games.
- Ask questions and get to know other participants.

MAKING SOME NOISE!

- Cheer their teammates on! (the louder the better)
- Cheer other teams on!

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