



# Florida Championship

March 6–7, 2026

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AdventHealth Fieldhouse and Conference Center  
210 Cypress Gardens Blvd  
Winter Haven, FL 33880



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**TECH**  
**CHALLENGE**

# Welcome to the Florida Championship!

In September 2025, we kicked off the DECODE presented by RTX season. Since then, **256** registered *FIRST* Tech Challenge teams have grappled with collecting and launching *Artifacts* across Florida. They joined together at Scrimmage events in September and October and competed in local League Meet events from October through January, with each event giving teams a chance to iterate on their design and dial in their strategy.

At the end of January, teams attended one of **eight** League Tournament events — competing with their final designs, presenting their work to Judges, and proving themselves in double-elimination playoffs. Now, based on their performance, **60** of the top teams from around the state of Florida will face off at the Florida Championship.

This event is a competition, but more importantly, it's a celebration of all of the hard work these teams have put in throughout the season. Not only have they designed, built, and iterated on robots for this year's game challenge, but they've also participated in outreach, connected with their community, and planned how to keep their team sustainable. They've arrived at this event after already proving themselves both on the playing field and to the judges.

We will advance **9** teams to the *FIRST* Championship event in Houston, TX, and an additional **13** teams to Premier Events around the world — more than ever before. We will also recognize Florida's Finalists for the *FIRST* Leadership Award, and an outstanding coach or mentor nominated by the teams.

If you can't join us live, you can also watch all of the action live [online](#).

This event is made possible by over 80 volunteers and the support of our sponsors. Thank you to them, and to everyone who makes *FIRST* Tech Challenge possible in Florida.

Enjoy the show!

## **AJ Foster**

Program Delivery Partner  
*FIRST* Tech Challenge

# Event Schedule

*All times Eastern Time*

We welcome teams starting at 11am ET on Friday with Team Registration and Robot Inspections. Qualification Matches begin Friday afternoon, but the main show begins Saturday morning with our Opening Ceremony.

<b>Friday, March 6, 2026</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
11:00am	Venue opens to attendees	All
11:40am – 3:00pm	Robot Inspections	Pits (Gym NE)
12:30pm – 3:30pm	Practice Matches	Arena (Gym SW)
3:45pm	Driver's Meeting	Arena (Gym SW)
4:15pm – 5:45pm	Qualification Matches	Arena (Gym SW)
6:30pm	Venue closes to attendees	Pits (Gym NE)

<b>Saturday, March 7, 2026</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
7:00am	Venue opens to attendees	Pits (Gym NE)
8:15am	Opening Ceremony	Arena (Gym SW)
8:45am – 2:15pm	Qualification Matches	Arena (Gym SW)
11:30am – 12:30pm	Lunch Break (Lawrence Division)	Pits or Outside
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Break (Scott Division)	Pits or Outside
2:30pm	Alliance Selection (Both Divisions)	Arena (Gym SW)
3:15pm – 4:45pm	Playoff Matches (Both Divisions)	Arena (Gym SW)
5:00pm – 5:20pm	Florida Championship Finals	Arena (Gym SW)
5:30pm	Awards Ceremony	Arena (Gym SW)

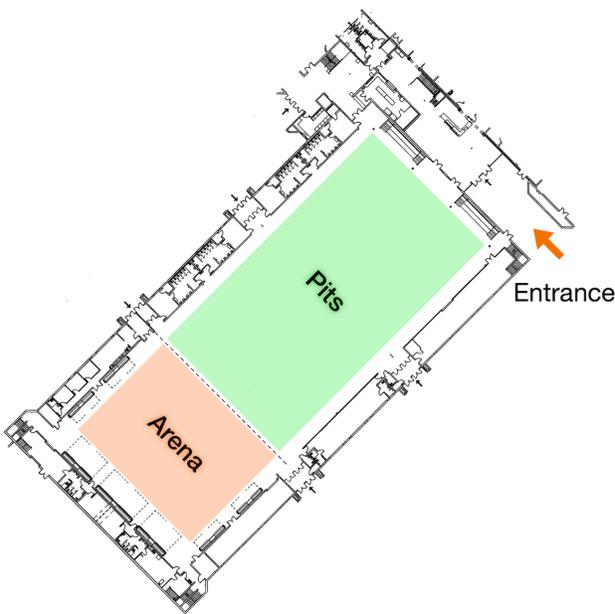
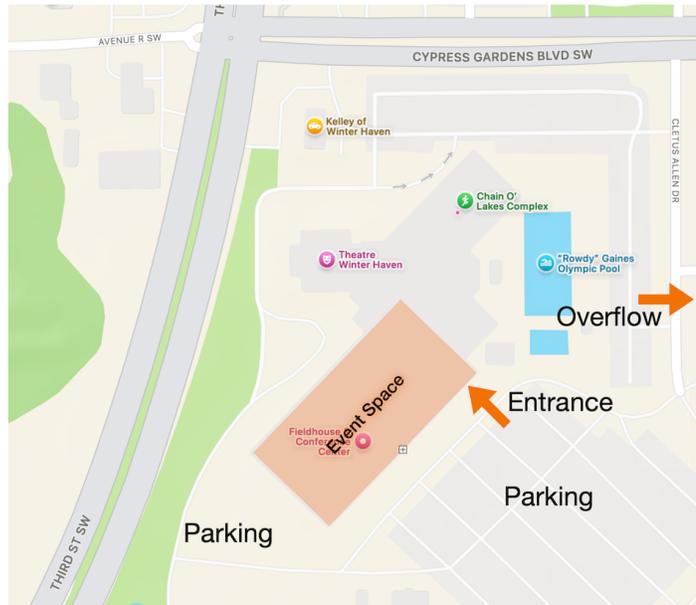
*All times are targets and subject to change.*

# Arrival Information

The AdventHealth Fieldhouse and Conference Center is located in Winter Haven at the crossing on Cypress Gardens Blvd. SW and Third St. SW.

Parking is available Southeast of the venue, with overflow parking to the East.

Once parked, look for **East Entrance 1.**



Once inside, the Fieldhouse is divided into the **Pits** and **Arena**.

In the Pits, teams prepare for matches and make repairs. The pits include four practice fields.

In the Arena, teams compete on our four playing fields. Limited seating is available around the Arena.

On the second floor, visitors can walk around the entire Pits and Arena.

**Please note:** Certain items, such as weapons, alcohol, noise makers, and laser pointers, are not allowed in the venue. Coolers and folding chairs are not allowed on the gym floor, but are permitted on the second level.

# Competing Teams • Lawrence Division

<b>506</b>	Pandara	Palm Harbor University HS	Palm Harbor, FL
<b>641</b>	Tater Scots	Saint Andrews, Saint Andrew's School	Boca Raton, FL
<b>3846</b>	Maelstrom	Middleton High School	Tampa, FL
<b>4228</b>	Gears Of Other Dimensions	Lyman High School	Longwood, FL
<b>4361</b>	TurBOCAts	Boca Raton Community High School	Boca Raton, FL
<b>6433</b>	Neutrinos	Neighborhood Group	Valrico, FL
<b>9986</b>	Eaglebotics Navy	North Broward Prep School	Coconut Creek, FL
<b>11172</b>	Static Discharge	Bolles School - San Jose	Jacksonville, FL
<b>14725</b>	Java the Hutts	Family/Community	Fort Myers, FL
<b>15297</b>	Legacy	Family/Community	Tallahassee, FL
<b>16249</b>	Excaliper	Gracious Youth, Inc.	Port Orange, FL
<b>16290</b>	Z.I.P Ties	Family/Community	Sanford, FL
<b>16312</b>	Sandman	Home School	Kingsland, GA
<b>17288</b>	Rubber Bandits	Orlando Science Middle & HS	Orlando, FL
<b>18258</b>	Doomba	Td Taylor Middle High School	Pierson, FL
<b>18385</b>	Mecha Knights	Shiva Robotics Academy	Jacksonville, FL
<b>18699</b>	The Purple Axolotls	Lincoln High School	Tallahassee, FL
<b>21882</b>	Cyber Spartans	Miami Country Day School	Miami, FL
<b>21922</b>	$\Delta\Psi$ NAMIC $\Sigma$ (Dynamics)	Pahokee High School	Pahokee, FL
<b>23979</b>	Ultronic	Science and Technology Society	Osprey, FL
<b>24085</b>	Short Circuit	Orlando Science Middle & HS	Orlando, FL
<b>25002</b>	Cat Batch	Family/Community	Dade City, FL
<b>27031</b>	Shazam!	Cypress Bay High School	Weston, FL
<b>27991</b>	IMAGenius	Family/Community	Fort Myers, FL
<b>30342</b>	Iron Claw	Davidson Middle School	Crestview, FL
<b>30435</b>	Klutch Robotics	Family/Community	Fort Lauderdale, FL
<b>30694</b>	Bots4Life	Family/Community	Naples, FL
<b>31000</b>	VANTA	Family/Community	Orlando, FL
<b>31132</b>	HorsePower	Providence School	Jacksonville, FL
<b>32385</b>	MIGHTY MOJO	Charlotte High School	Punta Gorda, FL

# Competing Teams • Scott Division

<b>2845</b> Team Duct Tape	Family/Community	Tampa, FL
<b>3888</b> Greased Lightning	Cypress Bay High School	Weston, FL
<b>7477</b> Super 7	Family/Community	Oviedo, FL
<b>7592</b> Roarbots	Oviedo High School	Oviedo, FL
<b>9800</b> TechnoSaints HyperShock	Trinity Preparatory School	Winter Park, FL
<b>10179</b> Tech Turtles	Family/Community	Niceville, FL
<b>13093</b> Golden Fish	Charlotte High School	Punta Gorda, FL
<b>14707</b> Zero Logic	Davidson Middle School Crestview High School	Crestview, FL
<b>15006</b> Nerdvana	Dixie M. Hollins High School	Saint Petersburg, FL
<b>16333</b> Mechatrons	Pahokee High School	Pahokee, FL
<b>16391</b> Rising Ninjas	American Learning Systems, Inc. - Plantation	Plantation, FL
<b>16465</b> Servo Stallions	Providence School	Jacksonville, FL
<b>16484</b> ROBOCANES	St Anthony School	Fort Lauderdale, FL
<b>18147</b> The Imposters	Family/Community	Tallahassee, FL
<b>18317</b> Steel Eels	P K Yonge Dev Research School	Gainesville, FL
<b>19954</b> Mario's Mechanics	Mckee Academy of Technology	Lakeland, FL
<b>20022</b> RoBOCAts	Boca Raton Cmty High School	Boca Raton, FL
<b>20344</b> Cattlebots	Orlando Science Middle & HS	Orlando, FL
<b>20357</b> Toco Creek Los Toros Loco	Toco Creek High School	Saint Augustine, FL
<b>22012</b> Loose Screws	Orlando Science Middle & HS	Orlando, FL
<b>22127</b> Mischievous Mechanics	Bolles School - San Jose	Jacksonville, FL
<b>23571</b> jEdison Knights	Family/Community	Fort Myers, FL
<b>24008</b> Optimus PINE	The Pine School	Hobe Sound, FL
<b>24702</b> Voltaris	Palm Harbor University HS	Palm Harbor, FL
<b>26038</b> Catastrophic RAMifications	Rutherford High School	Panama City, FL
<b>26588</b> Midnight	Middleton High School	Tampa, FL
<b>27188</b> Fractal Fusion	Orlando Science Middle High Charter	Orlando, FL
<b>29692</b> Mysteria	Family/Community	Fort Lauderdale, FL
<b>31791</b> Joules of Wisdom	Pine Crest School	Fort Lauderdale, FL
<b>32013</b> Ninja Stars	American Heritage - Broward Campus	Fort Lauderdale, FL

# Safety Guidelines

- **Safety glasses** and **closed-toed shoes** are required for everyone in certain areas:
  - In a team pit, even if not actively working on a robot,
  - Standing at or near the practice fields, and
  - In the Arena.
- This season's game involves 5" diameter whiffle balls that occasionally travel at high speeds or with a lot of spin. All attendees should be aware of their surroundings.

# Venue Guidelines

- The following items **are not permitted** in the venue:
  - Weapons
  - Alcohol
  - Balloons
  - Laser pointers
  - Noise makers
  - Projectiles (including frisbees and beach balls)
  - Oversized signs (greater than 2x3' unless part of pit decoration)
  - Skateboards, skates, and scooters
  - Sticks and poles (besides stable pit decorations)
  - Illegal substances
  - Fireworks or other incendiary devices
  - Umbrellas
- The following items are not permitted **on the gym floor**:
  - Coolers or similar containers
  - Folding chairs or tables
  - Pop-up tents that don't have rubber protective feet
  - Anything that may damage the gym floor

Thank you for helping us keep the event safe and our venue pristine!

# About our Organizations

**FIRST** is a global nonprofit organization that prepares young people for the future through a suite of life-changing youth robotics programs that build skills, confidence, and resilience. Learn more at [firstinspires.org](https://firstinspires.org).



**FIRST Tech Challenge** is a program where students in grades 7–12 design, build, program, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge in an alliance format.



**Orlando Robotics Foundation** is the nonprofit organization that delivers *FIRST* Tech Challenge in the state of Florida. Learn more at [orlrobotics.org](https://orlrobotics.org).



# Thank you to our Sponsors

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