

# Event Participation Policy

Florida Region

*Florida FTC - We're in a League of our own!*

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# Revision History

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1.0	September 1, 2012	Initial Release.
1.1	August 31, 2013	Updated the Advancement to the Florida Championship section.
1.2	May 27, 2014	Updated the consequences for event no-shows.

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## Overview

This policy applies to all events run by Leagues and the Florida FTC Affiliate Partner. The event policy may be modified from time-to-time.

## Event Participation

1. Only Florida FTC teams in good standing with *FIRST* may participate in League events and the Florida Championship.
2. Good standing with *FIRST* does not guarantee participation in an event. Teams must comply with event registration procedures that include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Registration deadlines
  - b. Event participation fees
  - c. Event team capacity limits, etc.
3. Participants are required to follow all the tournament and game rules specified in the current season's FTC Game Manual.
4. Participation in the Florida Championship Tournament is by invitation only, based on the tournament advancement requirements specified below.

## Event Registration

1. Event registration is conducted with a central, online registration system located on the [www.flfirst.org](http://www.flfirst.org) website. Registration is first come, first served.
2. Registration priority is given to in-league teams.
3. Event participation fees are paid directly to the League, the Event Host when attending out-of-league events, and the Florida FTC Affiliate Partner for the Florida Championship.

## Team No-Shows and Withdrawals

1. No-shows are not in the spirit of Gracious Professionalism™, and are not permitted. Consequences of no-shows include, but are not limited to the following:
  - a. Loss of eligibility to attend a League Championship and the Florida Championship.
  - b. Reduced registration priority for future events.
  - c. Forfeiture of event participation fees.
2. Withdrawals are not in the spirit of Gracious Professionalism Professionalism™, and are generally not permitted. The consequences for withdrawing from an event are the same as for no-shows.
3. League Committees may approve event withdrawal requests. The Florida FTC Affiliate Partner reserves the right to review and approve/deny withdrawal requests.

## Takeaways

- The event policy applies to all events run by Leagues and the Florida FTC Affiliate Partner.

# Event Participation Policy (Continued)

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## Event Cancellation

The decision to cancel an event is not undertaken lightly. The situations most likely to cause a cancellation of all or part of an event include, but are not limited to:

1. Severe weather conditions.
2. Exceptional circumstances including extended power outage, loss of heating/air conditioning, loss of water, fire, natural disaster, etc.
3. Significant illness that might involve the closing of a facility prior to an event.

The Florida FTC Affiliate Partner, League Committee, and Event Host will determine if there will be a delay, early dismissal or cancellation of the event. If the event has to be canceled before the event day, teams will be notified by an email sent to the team's main and alternate contacts as designated in the team's registration with *FIRST* and the contact information provided during event registration. The information will also be displayed on the Florida FTC website, [www.ffirst.org](http://www.ffirst.org).

## Advancement to the Florida Championship

Team performance at Practice Days does not affect their state ranking or their advancement toward the Florida Championship. Teams are ranked based on their performance at Meets and League Championships in the following proportions:

- Win-loss-tie record for Qualifying Matches at Meets and League Championships – 50%
- Judging at League Championships – 25%
- Team-created video – 25%

The twenty-four top ranked teams that have attended one or more Meets and a League Championship earn invitations to the Florida Championship.