



Terms & Conditions
FIRST LEGO League Registration

The following applies to ALL divisions: Challenge, Explore, Discover

- Pre-registration opens 3 March 2021 and ends 10 April 2021 at 11 pm.
- **Pre-registration guarantees kit and set orders** in the quantities requested. After pre-registration, teams will be limited to one kit/set per division with no guarantee of kit/set availability (*limited quantities will be available*). FIRST Australia will base the national FIRST LEGO League stock order on pre-registration quantities (which will be submitted to LEGO in April.)
- Regular season registration commences on 11 April 2021 until supplies are exhausted or 1 October 2021 (whichever occurs first).
- Registration is only finalised and confirmed by **full electronic payment** or by **uploading an authorised Purchase Order (P.O.)** to the team's dashboard account.
- Shipments will not occur until the account payment is finalised electronically via the dashboard, or an invoice is paid based on the P.O.
- Failure to finalise account with payment or P.O. by the close of **pre-registration** will default to the "one kit, max two teams" (Challenge) COVID policy from 2020 per school, organisation or individual. For Explore/Discover, the default will be "one team, one kit" per school, organisation or individual.
- Team accounts that **complete pre-registration may register unlimited teams with kits** for all divisions.

EXPLORE/DISCOVER

- One set per team. Due to the nature of Explore and Discover, each team must have their own set. Teams may not share sets.
- Registration per Explore & Discover team is AUD\$75 + GST + Shipping

CHALLENGE

- Each team may register for only ONE qualifying regional.
- Regionals will be available for team placement in mid-March via the dashboard. Teams may wait until mid-March to finalise registration (payment) and the team(s) have been assigned to an event.
- 2021 qualifying events will primarily be physical, in-person events unless COVID (or other natural disaster) become an issue for Australia in November/December 2021.
- For teams in remote, rural areas (or for teams who do not have an open, physical event near them) remote event options will be available via the dashboard.
- Pre-registration fees for **FIRST LEGO League CHALLENGE** are based on the following formula: (AUD)
 1. \$475 for one team with one game kit + shipping + GST
 2. \$575 for two teams sharing one game kit + shipping + GST
 3. \$950 for two teams and two kits + shipping + GST
- Per *FIRST* Australia policy, **no more than 2 teams may share one Challenge kit**; there are no exceptions to this policy.
- All work must be primarily produced by the children on the team, including but not limited to, the construction of the robot, coding of the robot and the Innovation Project. At a qualifying competition, any adult observed (*by event staff or volunteers*) to be “working” on the robot at an official competition will be grounds for disqualification of the team from ANY awards, including the Robot Game.
- All coaches **must submit consent forms for every team member and coach** as part of the participation rules for *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge. New forms are required for each new event/venue attended (i.e. regional followed by national championship). Failure to submit required consent on the day will result in the team forfeiting the right to participate. This is a *FIRST* worldwide participation policy and will be adhered to.
- Teams must not exceed a maximum of 10 children per team, with a minimum of 2 children per team required.
- *FIRST* Australia will make every effort to provide a qualifying event for teams, which may mean events are hosted VIRTUALLY due to the COVID19 crisis and restrictions. Therefore, events are subject to modification at the sole discretion of *FIRST* Australia, Macquarie University and/or participating regional partner hosts due to these challenging times and uncertain times.

- Yearly registration fees cover participation in one qualifying regional & *if the team(s) advances* - a National Championship. If teams are invited to off-season events either in Australia (*Asia Pacific Open Championship*), internationally or the World Championship – further registration fees apply.
- If a regional is unavailable in the registration system, it is FULL & at capacity. Coach must choose another qualifying event option.

Please note that adding more teams to full events is an issue of volunteers, space, resources and scheduling for the host school. *We are happy to speak with schools or teams that are keen to host a regional in areas where events have already reached full capacity.* If you wish to discuss hosting a regional, please contact first.australia@mq.edu.au.

- LEGO Group in Denmark have advised *FIRST* Australia on an estimated arrival of Challenge kits via sea shipment; scheduled to arrive the last week of July/first week of August. *FIRST* Australia will begin shipping these immediately in order of registration. **Please note that *FIRST* Australia nor LEGO Group are responsible for any delays in sea shipment and this time frame is not guaranteed.** *FIRST* Australia will make every effort to get kits to teams as soon as possible.
- Teams are advised to begin working on the Innovation Project as soon as Challenge materials launch on **1 August**.
- **Changes to Registration:** The new registration system for *FIRST* Australia allows teams to switch regionals events (*only to open or available choices*) or update team names at any time. Teams may also update coach information via the registration portal. Please do not email your regional organiser or *FIRST* Australia with changes. **Any changes to registration (i.e. team name) must be updated NO LATER than 2 weeks prior to the regional for which the team is registered.**
- There are **no refunds for registration after kits/sets have shipped**. This includes teams who are unable to attend a regional for which they've registered. *FIRST* Australia is not responsible for waiving/refunding/discounting registration fees to teams who miss their assigned regional for any reason (including bushfire or COVID 19). Efforts will be made by *FIRST* Australia and local regional partners to move you to another open qualifying event (which may be “remote”), if you cannot make the one for which you initially register. However, if these events are full-to-capacity, changing registration to a different regional is not guaranteed. If a regional is cancelled due to natural disasters such as bushfire or virus, every effort will be made to either reschedule or offer a “remote” competition option.

- *Competition Specific:*

Please remember that teams are NOT allowed to bring along or set up their own challenge mat and missions at a competition. This is a *FIRST* mandated rule around OH&S standards, team equality, the amount of space available at an event, and logistics.

For practice purposes, each competition venue provides practice tables which are available in 10 min increments for use during competition. Teams may begin signing up in the morning when they arrive, no more than two spots at a time with no back to back sessions, so that every team can have a fair go.

Again, bringing along the team's practice challenge mat and mission models is NOT allowed. In *FIRST* LEGO League, adherence to rules and policies are part of the ethos of **Gracious Professionalism** and **Coopertition**. This extends to parents and coaches attending with a team.

- **All coaches, students and parents must agree at all times to adhere to Gracious Professionalism & Coopertition** (see website). All participants, children and adults understand that not following these rules around conduct can result in disqualification from an event, including any potential awards.

If you have questions about these T's & C's, please contact first.australia@mq.edu.au before proceeding with registration. By completing registration, you are confirming your understanding and acceptance of these terms and conditions.