

FIRST 2026 **CHAMPIONSHIP**

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FIRST[®] TECH CHALLENGE SCHEDULE

Revised April 16, 2026 - All times are subject to change

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

No Required Team Activities	
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Optional, Lead Coach 1 and 2 can Pick up Team Badges at 1 st Floor Registration

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

7:30 AM	Pits & Team Check-in Open (Hall A3 + B3)
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Quiet Room Open – located on level 3, 362CF
9:00 AM	Inspection Opens
9:00 AM – 12:45 PM	Competition Fields Open for Measurement and Robot Calibration (T205)
12:00 PM	Practice Fields Open (Teams must have passed inspection E116)
12:00 PM	Drivers' Meeting Questions due (No live questions will be answered)
2:00 PM – 2:45 PM	Drivers' Meeting – Franklin Division (Drivers report to the stands)
3:30 PM – 6:30 PM	Practice Matches (completed inspection not required, see Section 3 for details)
6:00 PM	Team Check-in Deadline (I102)
6:30 PM	Practice Fields Close 30 mins before pits close
7:00 PM	Pits & Inspection Close

Thursday, April 30, 2026

7:30 AM	Pits (including Robot Help and Inspection) Open
7:45 AM – 8:15 AM	Competition Fields Open for Measurement and Robot Calibration (T205)
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Quiet Room Open – located on level 3, 362CF
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies (Teams Scheduled for Matches 1 & 2 should report directly to Queueing)
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Qualification Matches
9:15 AM	Practice Fields Open and Judges in the Pits for Interviews (No Team Judging During Division Breaks)
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Division Break – Edison and Franklin
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Division Break – Goodall and Jackson
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Division Break – Lovelace and Ross
5:00 PM	Judging Done for the Day

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6:00 PM	Practice Fields Close 30 mins before pits close
6:30 PM	Pits (including Robot Help and Inspection) Close

Friday, May 1, 2026

7:30 AM	Pits (including Robot Help and Inspection) Open
7:45 AM – 8:15 AM	Competition Fields Open for Measurement and Robot Calibration (T205)
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Quiet Room Open – located on level 3, 362CF
9:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Qualification Matches
9:15 AM	Practice Fields Open and Judges in the Pits for Interviews (No Judges During Division Breaks)
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Division Break – Edison and Franklin
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Division Break – Goodall and Jackson
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Division Break – Lovelace and Ross
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	FIRST Leadership Award Celebration – Hilton America's Ballroom. Doors will open at 11:15am
5:00 PM	Judging is Concluded
6:00 PM	Practice Fields Close 30 mins before pits close
6:30 PM	Pits (including Robot Help and Inspection) Close

Saturday, May 2, 2026

7:30 AM	Pits Open
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Alliance Selection - Drivers Meeting to Immediately follow Alliance Selection
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Competition Fields Open for Measurement and Robot Calibration (Playoff Teams Only)
9:15 AM – 11:15 AM	Practice Fields Open (Playoff Teams Only)
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Division Playoff Matches and Division Awards
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	FIRST Tech Challenge Event Finale (Including da Vinci Round Robin Tournament, da Vinci Final Matches, Inspire Award Ceremony, and Game Preview)