

Team Q&A Registration Instructions

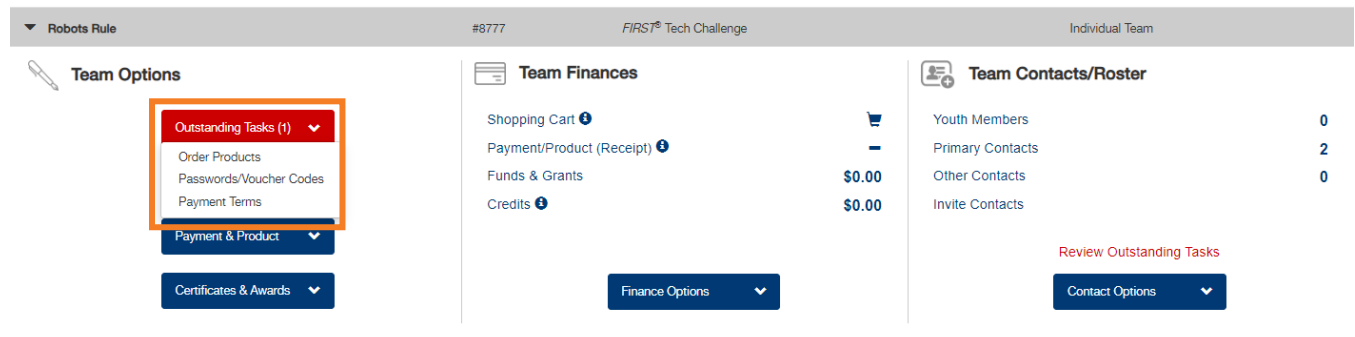
Revision History	
Revision	Description
V25-26.1	Initial 2025-26 Season Release

The Team Q&A is a place where teams can ask questions and receive official answers about the game rules, robot rules, advancement criteria, and judging. The Q&A is moderated by *FIRST*® Tech Challenge experts. In order to post to the Game Q&A, you'll have to use an official *FIRST* Tech Challenge team account. These accounts start with the letters FTC and are followed by your team number, for example: **FTC01234**

Anyone can create a general account to view the forum, however only registered and paid *FIRST* Tech Challenge team accounts may ask questions. Each team can only have one authorized user to ask questions.

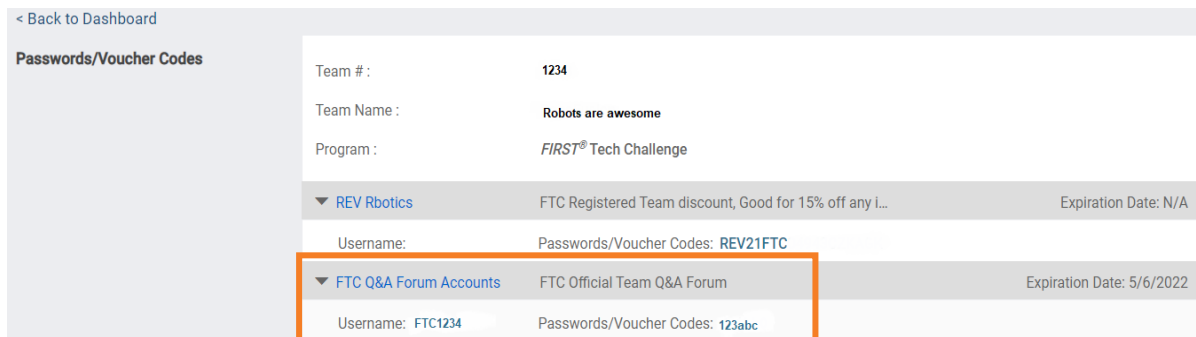
How to Access Username and Password

1. Log into your www.firstinspires.org dashboard.
2. From the main screen, click the "Payment and Product" dropdown. Then click "Passwords/Voucher Codes".



The screenshot shows the dashboard header with 'Robots Rule', '#8777', 'FIRST® Tech Challenge', and 'Individual Team'. The 'Team Options' section on the left has a dropdown menu open, showing 'Outstanding Tasks (1)', 'Order Products', 'Passwords/Voucher Codes', and 'Payment Terms'. The 'Team Finances' section in the middle shows 'Shopping Cart', 'Payment/Product (Receipt)', 'Funds & Grants' (\$0.00), and 'Credits' (\$0.00). The 'Team Contacts/Roster' section on the right shows 'Youth Members' (0), 'Primary Contacts' (2), 'Other Contacts' (0), and 'Invite Contacts'. There are buttons for 'Payment & Product', 'Certificates & Awards', 'Finance Options', 'Review Outstanding Tasks', and 'Contact Options'.

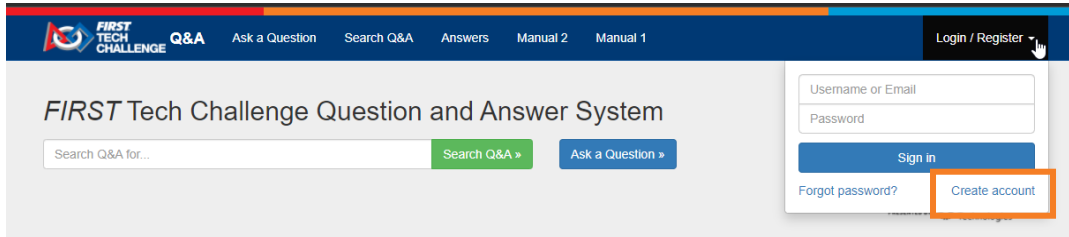
3. The username and password is listed under "FTC Q&A Forum Accounts".



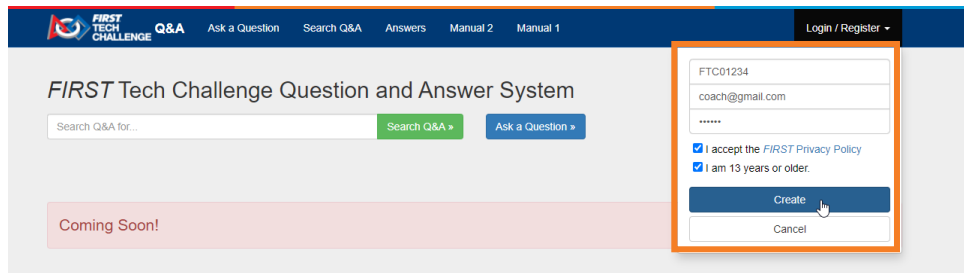
The screenshot shows the 'Passwords/Voucher Codes' page. It displays team information: Team # 1234, Team Name Robots are awesome, and Program FIRST® Tech Challenge. Below this, there are two sections: 'REV Robotics' and 'FTC Q&A Forum Accounts'. The 'REV Robotics' section shows a discount and an expiration date. The 'FTC Q&A Forum Accounts' section shows the Username FTC1234 and Passwords/Voucher Codes 123abc. The 'FTC Q&A Forum Accounts' section is highlighted with an orange box.

Accessing the Q&A

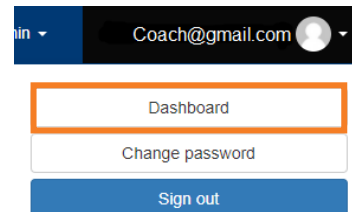
1. Click the following link to access the Q&A home page: <https://ftc-qa.firstinspires.org/>
2. When logging in for the first time, select "Create Account".



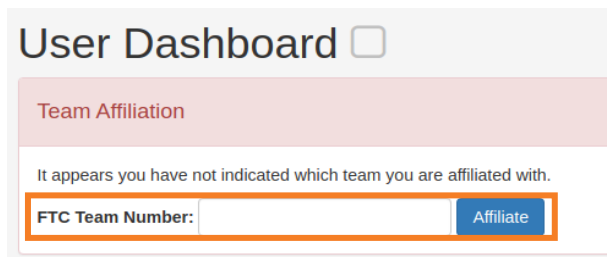
3. Create an account using any username and password (do not use the information found in the dashboard, you will enter this later). You will need to accept the *FIRST* Privacy Policy and check that you are 13 years or older.



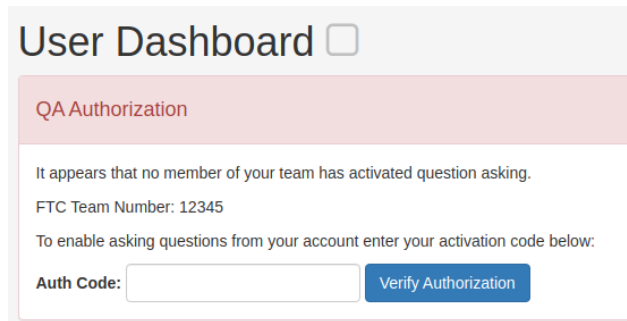
4. Once logged in, navigate to the user dashboard by clicking on your username, then the dashboard button.



5. Enter your FTC team number

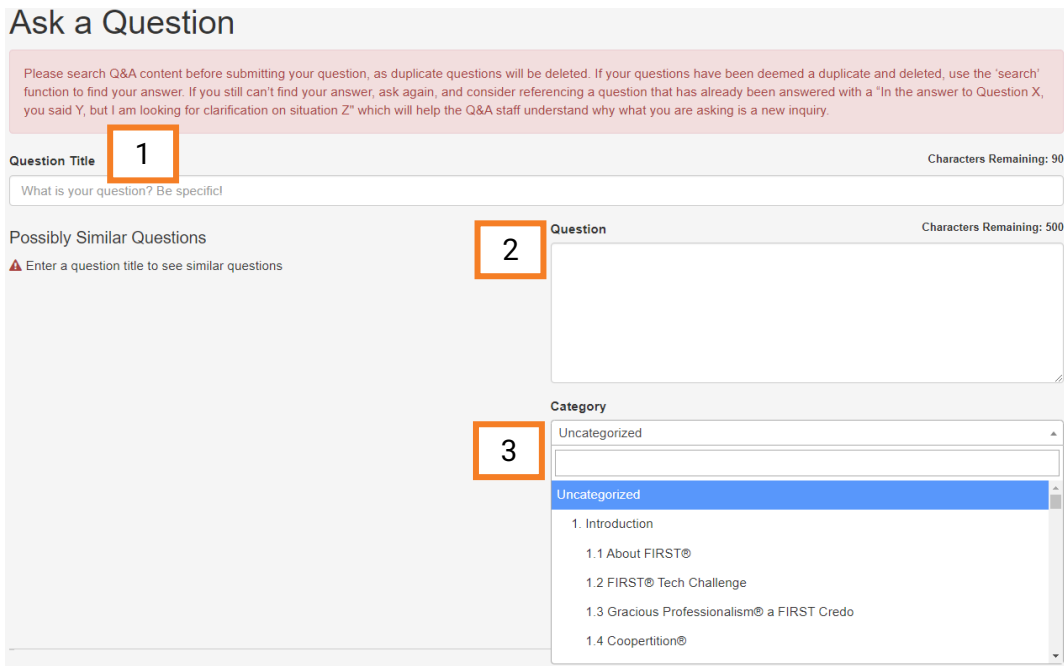


6. Enter the Password/Voucher Code found in step 3 into the Auth Code field and click "Verify Authorization".



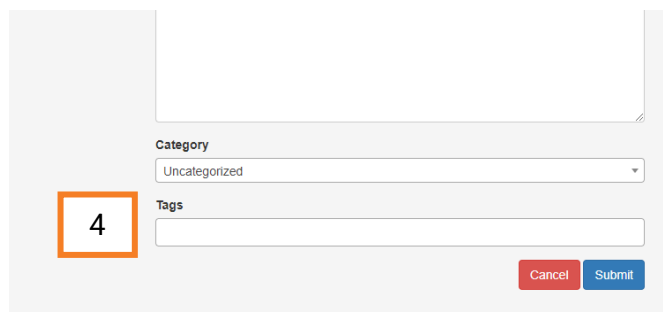
Posting Questions to the Q&A

Before posting a question in the Q&A, please make sure you have read the [Competition Manual](#) and any [Team Updates](#).



The screenshot shows the 'Ask a Question' interface. It includes a 'Question Title' field (callout 1), a 'Possibly Similar Questions' section, a 'Question' text area (callout 2), a 'Category' dropdown menu (callout 3) with options like 'Uncategorized', '1. Introduction', '1.1 About FIRST®', '1.2 FIRST® Tech Challenge', '1.3 Gracious Professionalism® a FIRST Credo', and '1.4 Coopertition®', and a 'Tags' field (callout 4) at the bottom right with 'Cancel' and 'Submit' buttons.

1. Create a title for your question, being specific as possible. If your question has already been asked, or a similar question has been asked, the question will show underneath the title. Please make sure to read the similar questions to determine if your question has already been answered.
2. Type your question in the box. There is a 500-character limit per question. Only submit one question at a time.
3. Select a category for your question. The category should match the section of the Competition Manual that your question is referencing.
4. Optional – You can select a tag that corresponds with your question. For example, if your question is about advancement, you could select ADVANCEMENT from the dropdown list.



This close-up shows the 'Category' dropdown menu set to 'Uncategorized' and the 'Tags' input field, which is highlighted with callout 4. 'Cancel' and 'Submit' buttons are visible at the bottom right.

Once you submit your question, the question will be sent to our moderation queue to be answered by our game experts.