





# The **FIRST**® Robotics Competition: HOW IT WORKS

# 2015 FRC® FACTS (PROJECTED)

- 75,000 high-school-aged young people
- 3,000 teams
- 18,000 + Mentors and Adult Supporters
  - 16,000 + other Volunteers
- More than 3,000 sponsoring companies
- Kit of Parts for all teams
- 6-week build season
- 56 Regional Events
- 5 State/Regional Championships
  - 44 District Competitions
- 1 Championship Edward Jones Dome St. Louis, MO April 22-25, 2015
- Hardest Fun Ever

The *FIRST*® Robotics Competition (FRC®) combines the excitement of sport with science and technology to create a unique varsity Sport for the Mind™. FRC helps high-school-aged young people discover the rewarding and engaging world of innovation and engineering.

#### Inputs:

- Teams of 10 or more high-school-aged young people
- Professional engineers, Mentors
- Teachers, parents, community
- Corporate sponsors
- New game challenge each year

## Outputs:

- Real-world engineering experience
- Technological literacy
- Experience with LabVIEW® graphical design software from NI, a tool used by professional engineers
- Inspired minds
- Teamwork skills
- Career path

### Get Started:

You'll need...

- At least 10 students, grades 9-12
- Volunteers, including 2-3 professional engineers and 2-3 additional adults
- Financial Sponsors
- A meeting place
- Tools
- Time



"...It's like life. You never have enough information. You never have enough time. The kit of materials may be what you have in the warehouse. There are always people doing competing things and you must have a strategy. We've created a microcosm of the real engineering experience."

Woodie Flowers FIRST National Advisor



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## Get Involved!

Join or start a team in your area

Sponsor a team, event, or local FIRST program

Become a team Mentor or Coach

Volunteer to fill over 100 roles

For information about FIRST° in your area:

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