



FIRST Robotics Competition - The Ultimate Sport for the Mind

Combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology, FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition is called the ultimate Sport for the Mind. High-school student participants call it "the hardest fun you'll ever have."

Teams competing in FIRST Robotic Competitions (FRC) are confronted with a new elaborate game every January. Under strict rules, limited resources, and an intense six-week time limit, teams of students are challenged to hone teamwork skills to design, build, and test 120 pound robots. These robots play the game in a sophisticated 52-foot arena with and against like-minded competitors from around the country and the world.

Niceville High School's team, Team 2556, the RadioActive Roaches (as they are known in FIRST) has competed at regionals in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, and Texas with teams from all regions of the US as well as Mexico, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Colombia, Turkey, Netherlands, China, Australia, and Israel.

After high school, most FIRST alumni like Jessie Maraman (pictured above) continue "paying forward" their experience by mentoring the new batch of world changers and volunteering at FIRST events. [Watch what Jessie has to say about FIRST!](#)

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