



CHALLENGE



Missouri Qualifier Registration Requirements 2023-2024

An explanation of the *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge Missouri Qualifier Registration system and process.

Registration Requirements:

- Qualifier Registration is open **September 25-October 2, 2023** only.
- Qualifier registration will be through the *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge [Team Portal page](#) on the *FIRST* in Missouri website.
- After you register, you will receive an invoice via email. Payment options:
 - Provide banking info for electronic check
 - Pay by credit card via a link on the invoice
 - Mail a paper check to: *FIRST* in Missouri, 12835 Tammy Kay Drive, Saint Louis, MO 63128

Questions about payments should be sent to ar@firstinmissouri.org.

- Nationally registered Teams (no temporary team numbers) will pay a non-refundable \$100 fee and select **3 qualifying events (ranked 1-3 with 1 being your first choice event)**.
- The Missouri Planning Committee will place teams into **1 Qualifying Event** and notify coaches of the event assignment no later than **October 30th**. The placement will be determined from the preference list supplied when registering for a Qualifier event. We will do our best to honor teams' first or second place preference, but this is NOT guaranteed.
- There are 14 Qualifiers to choose from. All events are currently planned to be in-person and mask optional. Remember that these things could change, and your team must follow the rules of the venue at the time of the event. If required by the venue, due to weather or other circumstances, the event could change from a traditional style event to a parade style event, or to a remote event. Please be flexible and understanding if this happens.

- *FIRST* in Missouri is a volunteer run organization. Each team is expected to provide at least one volunteer at a Qualifier. It can be any Qualifier, not just where the team is competing. You can volunteer through your dashboard on the www.firstinspires.org website.

- List of Qualifying Events:

Event ID	Date	Venue	No. of Slots	City in Missouri
Q01	12/2	Camdenton High School	24	Camdenton
Q02	12/2	Southeast Missouri State University	24	Cape Girardeau
Q03	12/2	Lutheran High School of St. Charles	24	St. Peters
Q04	12/3	Lutheran High School of St. Charles	24	St. Peters
Q05	12/9	Newburg High School	24	Newburg (Rolla area)
Q06	12/9	MICDS	24	Ladue
Q07	12/10	MICDS	24	Ladue
Q08	1/6	Brittany Woods Middle School	24	University City
Q09	1/7	Brittany Woods Middle School	24	University City
Q10	1/7	Columbia School District	24	Columbia
Q11	1/13	Closed Event	20	Closed Event
Q12	1/13	Springfield Catholic School	24	Springfield
Q13	1/13	Sacred Heart Florissant (St. Rose)	18	Florissant
Q14	1/14	Sacred Heart Florissant (St. Rose)	18	Florissant

- Each Qualifying Event will advance a percentage of teams to the Missouri Regional Championship to be held on February 24, 2024 at North Point High School in Wentzville, MO. A separate registration fee of \$125 will be collected in February for Championship teams. At least one (1) team from the Missouri Regional Championship will advance to the *FIRST* World Championship in Houston, Texas.

FAQ

Q. My team can only attend one day; Can I put down that event for all 3 choices?

A. The system will not prevent you from putting the same choice into all 3 choices, but please be aware that this will not guarantee you a placement. If there is not space in that event, then you will be placed in another event that has space.

Q. I have multiple school teams coming by bus; they must attend the same qualifier. Can they do so?

A. When registering multiple teams, please indicate the same qualifier ranking for each team. In addition, indicate the teams that need to be placed together in the comment section.

Q. I have multiple teams, but I do not want them at the same qualifier. What steps do I take?

A. You may register the teams together, but indicate different preferences for each team, AND indicate in the comments section that teams should be placed at different events.

Q. I have not yet received my field kit; should I still register for a qualifier?

A. Yes. Your 'paid' National Registration date will be considered when assigning you to your Qualifier. Depending upon the circumstances, your team may be considered for a spot at a later event.

Q. I was placed into an event and my team notified me that 50% of the team can't attend.

A. This is not uncommon! Please bring the team anyway; the experience will be extremely valuable!

Q. Can I exchange with another team to go to a different event?

A. No, team-initiated 'swaps' will not be honored.

Q. I have a parent who wants to Judge, will that be allowed?

A. Yes. A team affiliated adult (parent, coach, mentor) may sign up to volunteer as a Judge for an event that takes place after their team competes.

Q. I have a parent who wants to Referee, will that be allowed?

A. Yes. The parent will need to notify the head referee to avoid a conflict of interest.

More questions? Let us know!

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