



2020-2021 PLAYMAKERS SEASON Overview of Remote Festivals in North Texas

Step 1: Teams will register for a FLL Explore Festival in North Texas through the DFW Technology & Education Council by visiting <https://dfwtec.org/programs/first-lego-league-explore/events/> where they will find a list of Festival event dates and a link to the Festival registration form. Festival dates for this season are February 27, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; March 27, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; April 24, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; May 22, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; and June 5, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **All Festivals in North Texas this season will be remote.**

Step 2: After filling out the Festival team registration form online, the team coach will receive a confirmation email from info@dfwtec.org giving additional Festival details and payment information.

Step 3: In early February when DFW TEC receives access to the *FIRST* Remote Event Hub – the platform where *FIRST* remote events will run this season – coaches will receive an invitation from the *FIRST* Remote Event Hub where they can click on their access link and activate their account. (Each coach will have their own dashboard within the Remote Event Hub. Please note if you coach more than one FLL Explore team or also coach FLL Challenge teams, all the teams will show up on your dashboard).

When coaches are provided access to the *FIRST* Remote Event Hub, they will also be provided additional instructions for participating in remote events and the features we will be utilizing within the *FIRST* Remote Event Hub for FLL Explore Festivals in North Texas. Below however, provides a general outline of some of the details we know so far:

Step 4: A week before your team's scheduled Festival, you will need to upload the following supporting documents to the *FIRST* Remote Event Hub:

Upload a 3-minute video:

Please provide a video up to 3 minutes in length. Video must include a 360-degree view of the team's LEGO model. In addition, in the video team members need to explain the elements of their model and give a demo of their coding to demonstrate how their model is motorized.

Upload 5 photos:

Please provide 5 photos given the following guidelines:

- **Photo 1:** Team photo with team name and number displayed somewhere in picture – be creative and think about what you would wear if you were attending an in-person festival.
- **Photo 2:** Full picture of Team Model with Show Me Poster behind model. If your Show Me Poster is not a physical poster and instead multimedia slides, then just upload picture of the Team Model.
- **Photo 3 – 5:** Show Me Poster – this can be done in a few different ways. You can either do a regular trifold poster and take pictures of it so the information on the poster can be read in the pictures or you can create multimedia slides saved as jpgs.

Examples include PowerPoint, Canva and Google slides. (Please note these are to be still pictures)

Step 5: After teams have uploaded their video and photos to the *FIRST* Remote Event Hub, teams will receive their scheduled review time block for their scheduled festival.

Step 6: Prepare for your FLL Explore Remote Festival.

- Teams will be asked questions by reviewers during the remote festivals through breakout rooms within the Zoom platform – very similar to how it happens at our in-person events. Each team will have at least 5 sessions of reviewing, with 2-3 reviewers at a time lasting about 6-8 minutes for each session.
- Please make sure you have thought through all technology requirements to participate in the Remote Festival. All teams will need to be physically together during the Festival and be able to video chat with reviewers as a team. Only a FLL Explore Coach can sign the team into the zoom video platform and *FIRST* Remote Event Hub.
- All students participating in remote activities must have up to date *FIRST* parental consent forms to participate in video conferencing for the Remote Festival.
- Have fun! We still want to see your fun costumes and your team's unique personality.

Step 7: Attend a FLL Explore Remote Festival

Each FLL Explore Remote Festival in North Texas will include the following elements:

- Opening Ceremony where teams and reviewers are introduced
*Once teams are registered for a Festival, teams will be asked to fill out a short team information form so we have some fun facts about teams for introductions taking place during Opening Ceremony
- Team Project Reviewing Sessions
- Special guests/speakers or STEM challenge to keep team members active and engaged when not being reviewed
- Closing Ceremony where team awards are announced

Participation medals and other materials needed during a Festival that are being provided by FLL Explore will be mailed to the team coach two weeks before the Festival so that coaches will have it available to pass out to their teams during the Remote Festival. Physical team awards will be given out this year and will be distributed after the Festival by mail or delivery.

For additional questions regarding Remote Festivals, please email info@dfwtec.org.



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