



FIRST **TECH** **CHALLENGE** *BENELUX*

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FTC Benelux update

We are thrilled to share that FTC Benelux is on a remarkable growth trajectory! This season, we're proud to announce a 25% growth in participation, with a whopping 73 teams joining the competition. 🎉 This growth is enhanced by the international diversity of our teams.. Besides teams from the Netherlands and Belgium, we welcome teams from Lithuania, Germany, Spain and Norway. These teams, without a competition of their own, will find in FTC Benelux an inspiring stage to showcase their talent and passion and they're adding a global touch to our events.

As we embark on this season's journey, we wish all participating teams a spectacular experience filled with success and groundbreaking innovation. May each team find themselves at the CENTERSTAGE of excellence, pushing the boundaries of creativity and technological prowess.



Coming events

We are on the eve of a busy season. The coming months will again see many events. Teams have been assigned to the various League Meets and will showcase what kind of robot they have designed and built. Stay tuned in the coming months to witness their remarkable creations in action.

Mark your calenders for the upcoming competition events: 📅

- November 25th 2023, League Meet, Frits Philips, Eindhoven
- December 2nd 2023, League Meet, Maerlant Lyceum, The Hague
- December 3rd 2023, League Meet Maerlant Lyceum, The Hague
- December 9th 2023, League Meet, The Lindenberg, Leek
- January 13rd 2024, League Meet, De Breul, Zeist
- January 20th 2024, League Meet, Pius X college, Bladel
- January 21st 2024, League Meet Pius X college, Bladel
- January 27th 2024, League Meet, Hasselt (Belgium).
- February 24th 2024, Benelux Championship, Avans Hogeschool, Breda

Everyone is welcome to come and watch our events. Let others also experience the fun of participating in *FIRST* Tech Challenge. For more details, we kindly refer you to our [website](#)

Past Events

START-up event

The Start-up event on October 29 was a highly successful meeting where the passion for technology and innovation was once again in full force. Twelve enthusiastic teams gathered at Summa Engineering in Eindhoven, not only to drive their robots, but mostly to learn from each other's expertise. Dedicated FTC volunteers were on hand to support teams in both hardware and software areas, creating a fruitful exchange of knowledge and experience.



FTC Playground

On November 11, the first FTC playground of the CENTERSTAGESM season took

Very interesting was the SolidWorks masterclass, where participants gained further insights and honed their skills in this essential engineering design tool. The makerspace was fully utilised, allowing teams to make use of the many materials and tools available at Summa Engineering.

The warm welcome for rookie teams was remarkable, with experienced teams helping them get started and introducing them to the various opportunities within the FTC community. Not only were robots built during this meeting; valuable contacts were also forged for the (rookie) teams, which means that these teams too can now benefit from the exchange of knowledge between them.

place and it was a fantastic success! Teams had a blast tinkering with robots, practicing on the field, and getting expert guidance from Team Rembrandt's team members. 🛠️💡

This kind of hands-on experience and support is invaluable for our teams as they prepare for the upcoming League Meet events.

For those teams who missed the first Playground, the good news is that there's another opportunity coming up during the Christmas break. Mark January 3 in your calendar, as the next Playground event is scheduled for that day. 📅 Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to enhance your robotics skills and connect with other teams.

Promote Award

As announced during the kick-off, this season teams have the opportunity to vie for the Promote Award. This Award is separate from the Awards to be won during the Championship and is given out only once during the season.

The Promote Award is presented to the team most successful in creating a compelling video message to the public to change our culture and celebrate science, technology, engineering and math.

Teams must submit a one-minute public service announcement (PSA) video based on the PSA topic for the season. PSA topic for 2023-2024 season:

"The best thing about the *FIRST*® Tech Challenge is...."

The submission deadline for the video is January 15, 2024. Entries should be emailed to info@ftcnetherlands.eu, clearly indicating the team name and team number.

The winner will be announced during the Championship on February 24 in Breda.

Have you tuned in to the FTC Podcast yet? There are already 34 episodes available online. Discover more about the *FIRST* Tech Challenge and explore how teams are navigating the program.



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