

PARTICIPATION RULES

UK and Ireland

2020-2021

General Rules

Teams, coaches, and other supporters must demonstrate the Core Values in their actions and activities.

Throughout the season, teams need access to the following materials:

- A LEGO Education SPIKE™ Prime or LEGO MINDSTORMS Robot Set
- Computer or tablet with software to program the robot. (Laptop is recommended.) LEGO Education software can be downloaded from education.lego.com/en-gb/downloads

Throughout the season, teams need access to the following season-specific materials, which will be delivered after registration:

- Challenge Set
- The season Engineering Notebook, Team Meeting Guide and Robot Game Rulebook

The following are also needed and are available on theiet.org/challenge:

- Mission Model Build Instructions (released August 4 of the season year)
- Missions, Robot Game Rulebook, Field Setup
- Challenge

Competition Rules

Teams can participate either through Class Pack when the sessions will be delivered during curriculum time and the tournament will be held at school; or by registering as a separate team and competing at a regional event.

These additional rules apply to teams competing in regional events:

- A competitive team consists of a minimum of two (2) and a maximum of ten (10) children. Proper adult supervision is required as described in the *FIRST* Youth Protection Policy.
- A team must be registered and fully paid to sign up for official events.
- Team members are between the minimum (9) and maximum (16) years old. *
- All work presented at an official event is the work of the children on the team.
- All team members attending an event are required to participate in the judging session and be present as a team at the Robot Game matches.

**The IET may approve an individual's participation request below or above the age range due to special circumstances or needs.*

Awards/Advancement

A competitive team must meet these additional criteria to be eligible for awards and/or advancement at an official event.

- Teams are only allowed to attend one regional event.
- Team members' work must conform to the parameters and rules outlined in the Challenge overview, Engineering Notebook and Robot Game Rulebook.

Consequences

The IET gives authority to volunteers staffing *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge official events to interpret and implement the Participation Rules, guided by global *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge training materials.

- Teams, coaches and supporters at official events are expected to demonstrate the Core Values.
- Individuals interfering with, excessively instructing, prompting or heckling a team or volunteer may be asked to leave.
- Severe infractions of the above rules may result in a team's dismissal from the event.
- Individuals and/or teams who fail to abide by the Participation Rules may be ineligible for awards at a tournament.