

**FIRST CHESAPEAKE TOWN HALL SPONSORED
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FIRST Chesapeake FRC and FTC Programs

2021-2022 SEASON UPDATE



FEEDBACK FORUM AGENDA

- ☑ **Housekeeping**
- ☑ **Brief *FIRST* Chesapeake Update**
- ☑ **Programs Update**
 - **Season Planning for FTC and FRC**

HOUSE KEEPING

- ☒ ***This is being recorded and will be shared via email later this week***
- ☒ ***We will hold all questions and comments until after the updates***
 - ***Feel free to type them into the chat area as you think of them***
- ☒ ***We have a hard stop at 7pm. If there are additional questions or suggestions in the comments box, they will be addressed via email later this week***
- ☒ ***There will be additional opportunity for remote updates and feedback in the coming months***

FIRST CHESAPEAKE UPDATE

- ☒ **Welcome Teams and Volunteers**
- ☒ **Thank you for your patience and understanding**
- ☒ **We are working to get information to you as quickly as possible**
- ☒ **As always, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us directly. Our information can be found under About Us on the FIRST Chesapeake website.**

FIRST CHESAPEAKE UPDATE

- ☒ **During the season, the program staff will be off on Monday's as they work most weekends**
- ☒ **Monday, November 16th through Monday, April 11th**
- ☒ **Executive Director, Leighann Boland, will be available via email and text on Mondays for emergencies**

FIRST CHESAPEAKE UPDATE

- ☑ **FIRST Chesapeake can now text reminders and updates**
- ☑ **Registrants can select which alerts they prefer - weather alerts for events, workshop reminders, etc**
- ☑ **To register - <https://bit.ly/FCtext>**

FIRST CHESAPEAKE UPDATE

- ☑ **Shirt design selection underway - To vote <https://bit.ly/FCtshirt22>**
- ☑ **Shirts free to volunteers and available for purchase**
- ☑ **Everyone who votes will be entered into a drawing. Two winners will receive free shirts. The grand prize drawing will be a free shirt and a Starbucks' gift card.**

FIRST CHESAPEAKE UPDATE

- ☑ **Spaces are still available for the FTC Scrimmage Sponsored by Qualcomm on November 6th at the Science Museum of Western Virginia**
- ☑ **Teams receive free Qualcomm tshirts and lunch. There is no fee to participate**
- ☑ **Contact Tim Farmer at tfarmer@firstchesapeake.org**

CHALLENGES FOR THIS YEAR

- ☑ **Follow CDC and local guidelines for the safety of our teams and volunteers**
- ☑ **Realizing this most likely will not be a “normal” season**
 - **Develop “event” strategies to celebrate a teams accomplishments while keeping up with current protection and social distancing guidelines. Including group size limits**
 - **Keep teams in their own PODs as much as possible**
 - **Be flexible as state and local guidance changes**
- ☑ **Masks will be mandatory for any team or volunteer participating in a *FIRST* Chesapeake-sanctioned event**

COMPETITION OPTIONS

- ☒ **Hybrid events (FTC)**
- ☒ **Hybrid events (FRC)**
- ☒ **Remote events (FTC)**

HYBRID EVENTS

- ☑ **Teams compete in smaller one-day events**
- ☑ **Limit attending to team members and mentors**
- ☑ **Remote Judging of all awards including Dean's list**
- ☑ **Majority of volunteering will be remote**
- ☑ **Remote awards ceremony after all teams compete**
- ☑ **Twitch will be used for spectator viewing**
 - **No in person spectators other than teams**

REMOTE EVENTS

- ☑ **A team will compete in the challenge at their site. There will be no competition with other teams**
- ☑ **There will still be event registration and event assignment**
- ☑ **Remote judging**

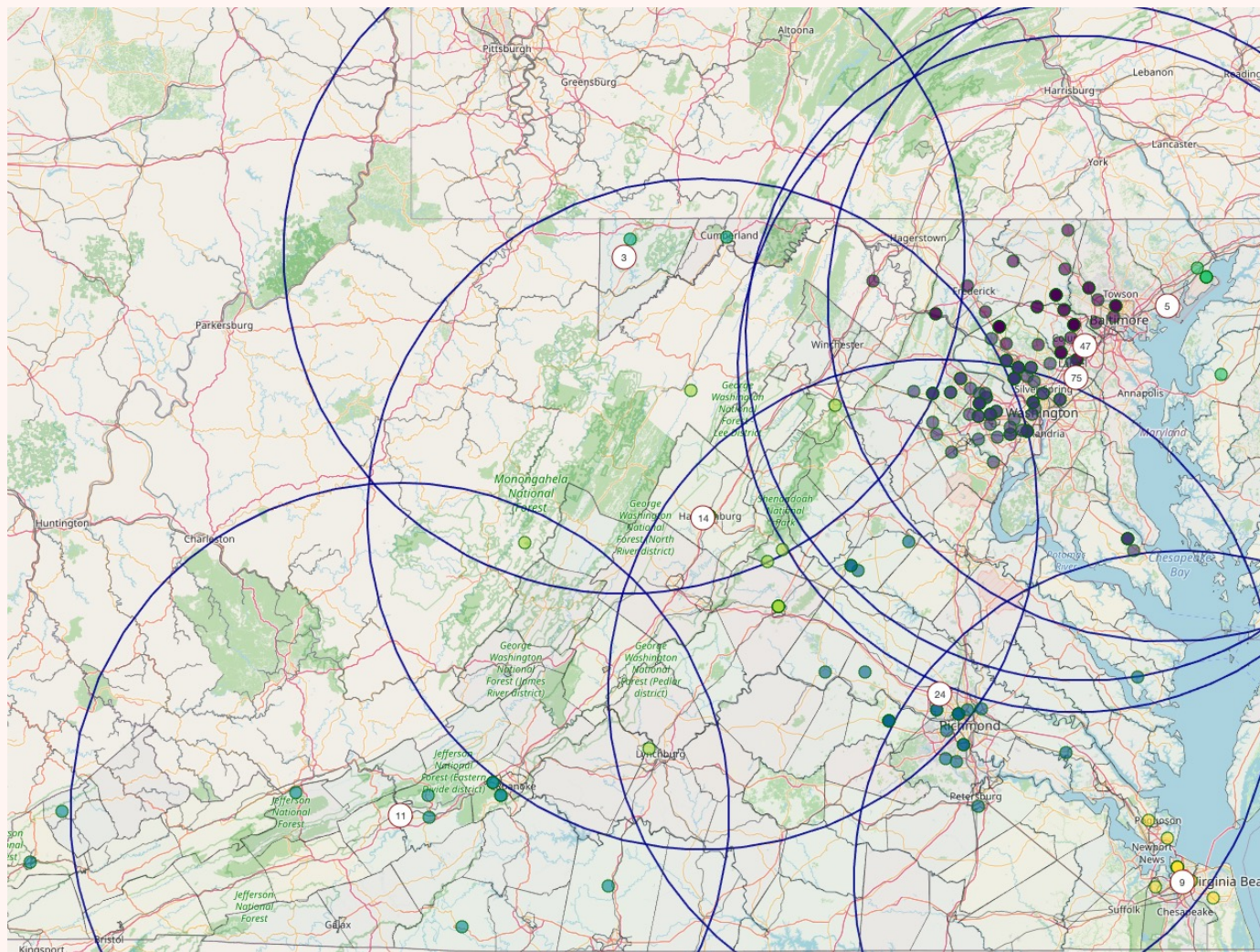
FTC PROGRAM UPDATES

- ☑ **Based on COVID-19 restrictions for this season:**
 - **We are planning on a hybrid model**
 - **Judging for all FTC events and Dean's list will be done remotely**
 - **We will close our borders to teams out of our territory - WV added to our region**
 - **"Home Area" registration preference**

FTC PROGRAM UPDATES

- ☑ **Currently 211 teams in the pipeline with 45 rookies**
- ☑ **Weekly rookie zoom call, looking to add “mentor” teams to the call**
- ☑ **Season Timeline**
 - **\$300 fee for two events**
 - **10/18 first round event registration opens, closes on 10/22**
 - **10/25 second round event registration opens, closes 11/1**
 - **Assignments via lottery system**
 - **11/5 Open registration including 3rd plays (\$150 for 3rd play)**
 - **Championship date and location TBD**

- ✓ **13 Events total**
- ✓ **2 Remote options**



FTC PROGRAM UPDATES

FIRST Chesapeake FTC COVID Decision Matrix

Local Transmission Level	7-Day Incidence Rate per 100,000		7-Day Percent Positivity	Masking	Max Teams	Max per Team (Includes Mentors)	Max Volunteers	On Site	Judging	Matches	Spectators	Streaming
Low	< 10	AND	< 5%	Required	36	13	20	488	Remote	2 v 2	Teams only	Twitch
Moderate	10 - 49	OR	5% - 7.9%	Required	18	13	20	254	Remote	2 v 2	Teams only	Twitch
Substantial	50 -99	OR	8% - 9.99%	Required	18	7	5	131	Remote	2 v 2	Teams only	Twitch
Very High	>= 100	OR	> = 10%	Required	8	6	5	53	Remote	2 v 2	Teams only	Twitch

- ☑ **Most areas in “Moderate” to “Substantial” and we are expecting to stay there**
- ☑ **Teams will be notified at least a week in advance of any changes**

FRC PROGRAM UPDATES

☑ **Upcoming off seasons**

- **Battle o Baltimore on October 16th**

☑ **Based on COVID-19 restrictions for this season:**

- **Judging for Dean's list and cultural awards will be done remotely**
- **We will close our borders to out of district teams**
- **Masking and COVID policy will be followed by everyone at an event**

☑ **Twitch will be used for spectator viewing**

- **No in person spectators other than teams**

FRC PROGRAM UPDATES

- ☑ **Currently 22 secured teams with others in the pipeline with 4 rookies**
- ☑ **18 team single day events**
 - **Teams play 10 qualifiers**
 - **Playoffs will be held**
 - **Winner, finalist awards will be given**
 - **Cultural awards will be based on the teams over the two days**
- ☑ **Open event registration**
 - **You do not have to pay to select events**
 - **Please select your kickoff location, 1st event preference and KOP chassis opt out if desired**

FRC PROGRAM UPDATES

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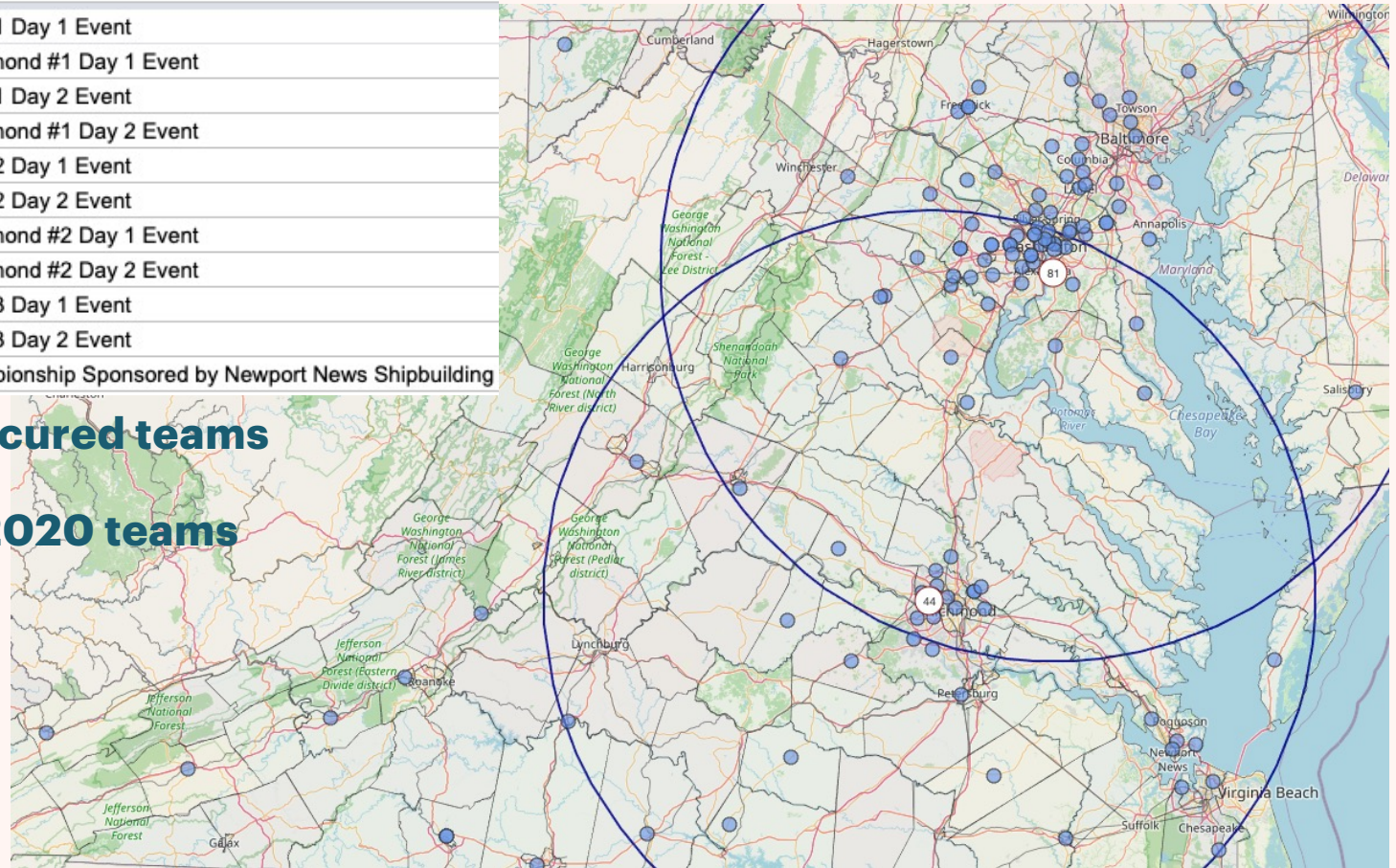
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FRC PROGRAM UPDATES

DATE	Event
3/5/21	FIRST Chesapeake Greater DC #1 Day 1 Event
3/5/21	FIRST Chesapeake Greater Richmond #1 Day 1 Event
3/6/21	FIRST Chesapeake Greater DC #1 Day 2 Event
3/6/21	FIRST Chesapeake Greater Richmond #1 Day 2 Event
3/12/21	FIRST Chesapeake Greater DC #2 Day 1 Event
3/13/21	FIRST Chesapeake Greater DC #2 Day 2 Event
3/19/21	FIRST Chesapeake Greater Richmond #2 Day 1 Event
3/20/21	FIRST Chesapeake Greater Richmond #2 Day 2 Event
3/26/21	FIRST Chesapeake Greater DC #3 Day 1 Event
3/27/21	FIRST Chesapeake Greater DC #3 Day 2 Event
4/6 - 4/9/2021	FIRST Chesapeake District Championship Sponsored by Newport News Shipbuilding

☑ **Currently 22 secured teams**

☑ **Map based on 2020 teams**



PROGRAM UPDATES - QUESTIONS

- ☒ **What will be the price of 3rd plays?**
- ☒ **How will inspection work?**
- ☒ **How much time will be allocated for practice matches?**
- ☒ **How will remote judging for one-day events work?**
- ☒ **Will volunteer crews be unique between back-to-back single day events at the same venue?**
- ☒ **Will there be week 0 events?**
- ☒ **Many teams, including veterans, will be experiencing many rookie-like experiences this year with massive student and mentor turnover. Not many current students have ever been to a competition, etc. How will these teams be helped get on the field in a single day, fast paced environment?**

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- ☑ **Are the expected logistics costs to support fixed-venue events less than or greater than the costs to support normal district events?**
- ☑ **How did HQ go from being adamant about 40-team events in mid-August to announcing their support of single-day events in October?**
- ☑ **There was an email looking for new Team Advisory Committee members. Were new members selected?**

Questions ?