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**FIRST** Chesapeake District  
Portsmouth VA Event  
March 18-19, 2023

# About *FIRST* Chesapeake



**FIRST® Chesapeake** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that represents all *FIRST*® Robotics Competition programs and *FIRST*® Tech Challenge in Maryland, DC, and Virginia. As the District arm of the international organization *FIRST*, we are devoted to helping young people discover and develop a passion for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Founded more than 20 years ago as VirginiaFIRST,® *FIRST* Chesapeake works with other local *FIRST* partners (UMBC, VA-DC FLL) to bring STEM-based leadership enrichment programs to thousands of students, grades K-12, each year.

This year, more than 110 high school teams in the *FIRST* Chesapeake district will compete in the *FIRST* Robotics Competition Challenge, CHARGED UP. These local events and district championship are supported by thousands of volunteers and the generosity of our local, district, and national sponsors. Together, we share the mission to build tomorrow's technology leaders while fostering our future technical workforce in Maryland, DC, and Virginia.

We are very excited about this season and the opportunity to bring the *FIRST* experience to more young people and local communities. If you are interested in learning more about *FIRST* Chesapeake, becoming a volunteer, or supporting our programs, please visit our web site at [www.firstchesapeake.org](http://www.firstchesapeake.org).

# Agenda

## Friday, March 17

[Click here for qualifying match schedule.](#) [Click here for playoff schedule.](#)

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM..... Pits Open, Inspection (Teams Only)

## Saturday, March 18

7:30AM - 10:30AM	Teams Check-in, Pits Open, Practice Rounds, Inspection
10:10AM – 10:30AM	Driver's Meeting
10:30AM – 11:00AM	Opening Ceremony
11:00AM – 1:00PM	Qualification Matches
1:00PM – 2:00PM	Lunch Break
2:00PM – 7:00PM	Qualification Matches
8:00PM	Pits Close

*\*Schedule subject to change. All times are based on an estimated match flow*

## Sunday, March 19

7:30AM	Pits Open
9:00AM – 9:30AM	Opening Ceremony
9:30AM – 12:30PM	Qualification Matches
12:30AM – 1:00PM	Alliance Selections
1:00PM – 2:00PM	Lunch
2:00PM – 6:00PM	Playoff Matches and Awards Note: Awards will begin during Semi-finals matches ~3:30 PM
7:00PM	Pits Close

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# Welcome

On behalf of the **FIRST Chesapeake District Portsmouth VA Event**, we welcome you to our competition. We are excited to have teams of the best and brightest high school students from Maryland, DC, and Virginia join us to compete in the *FIRST* Robotics Competition challenge, CHARGED UP.

We've been working hard for many months to bring you a high-quality, action-packed event, filled with intense robot competition, *Coopertition*® and *Gracious Professionalism*.® We hope you will cheer on a team, learn something new, and enjoy the event.

To learn more about *FIRST* Chesapeake and how to get involved in *FIRST* programs, visit our website at [www.firstchesapeake.org](http://www.firstchesapeake.org) or email us at [info@firstchesapeake.org](mailto:info@firstchesapeake.org).

# FIRST® Robotics Competition Game

## CHARGED UP Game Explanation

In CHARGED UP<sup>SM</sup> presented by Haas, two competing alliances are invited to process game pieces to bring energy to their community. Each alliance brings energy to their community by retrieving their game pieces from substations and scoring it into the grid. Human players provide the game pieces to the robots from the substations. In the final moments of each match, alliance robots race to dock or engage with their charge station!

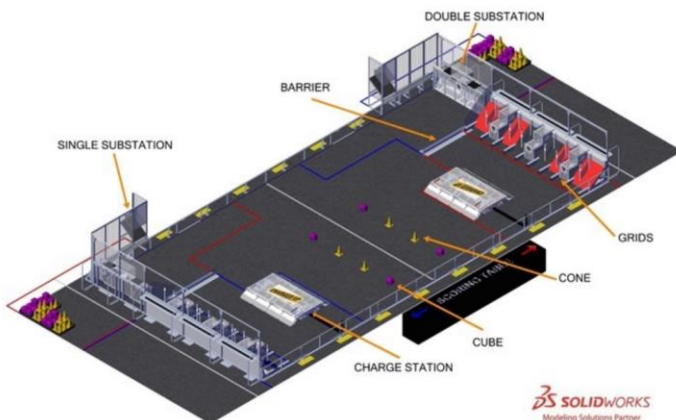
Each match begins with a 15-second autonomous period, during which time alliance robots operate only on pre-programmed instructions to score points by:

- leaving their community,
- retrieving and scoring game pieces onto the grid,
- docking on or engaging with their charge station.

In the final 2 minutes and 15 seconds of the match, drivers take control of the robots and score points by:

- continuing to retrieve and score their game pieces onto the grid and
- docking on or engaging with their charge station.

The alliance with the highest score at the end of the match wins!



[Click here](#) to see a video explanation of the game.

# Competition Information

- For a list of competing teams, [click here](#).
- Follow [team rankings here](#).
- View the competition live feed on our Twitch Channel at <https://www.twitch.tv/firstchesapeake1>



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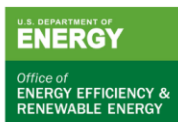
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# FIRST® Chesapeake Impact

**8,400+**

**Students**, grades 7-12 on  
FIRST Chesapeake teams

**365+**

**Teams** participating,  
grades 7-12

**650+**

**Mentors/Coaches**  
involved in events

*"The FIRST community promotes an environment of entrepreneurship while providing a platform for students like myself to spark real change in our communities. FIRST has been, by far, the most influential experience of my entire life. I walked in as a shy and unconfident ninth-grader and left as a well-rounded leader in my community, currently pursuing a STEM degree."*

— Jessica Aujla, FIRST Chesapeake Alumni Ambassador

**1,600+**

registered alumni in  
Virginia, District of  
Columbia, and Maryland

**1,400+**

**Volunteers** who  
donated time to events

*"My daughter's initial reaction at a FIRST tournament was that the experience is unlike most sporting events where teams have distinct boundaries and it's all about competition. Gracious Professionalism is a real thing in the FIRST community. It's what cultivates an environment of altruism and mutual respect among participants and keeps my kids wanting to come back to FIRST events year after year."*

— Tom Poole, Board Member, FIRST Chesapeake, FIRST Tech Challenge Mentor Team 16022, and Senior Vice President, Capital One

**25,000+**

event attendees

**25+**

**competitive events  
and workshops**

**40% 60%**

**YOUNG WOMEN**

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Percentage of young women/young  
men involved with FIRST programs

*"The excitement is what engages younger students to become passionate and interested in the field of STEM... Our team might be small in comparison, but we bring the energy of an entire army to our competitions."*

— Demond Morris, The Prez, Junkyard Dogs,  
FIRST Robotics Competition Team 2106

# Get Involved!



## **Become a Sponsor**

- Enjoy recognition as a community leader
- Receive hospitality benefits at events
- Reach out to more than 1,600 *FIRST* alumni and young professionals
- Help build tomorrow's technology leaders

## **Mentor a Team**

One of the things that sets *FIRST* programs apart is the strength of its mentors. Technical and non-technical volunteers serve as advisors and role models, showing students how to use STEM to solve real world problems, develop project management skills, promote teamwork, and to learn from failures and celebrate success.

## **Volunteer at Events**

*FIRST* Chesapeake events are great opportunities for employee involvement and volunteerism.

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## Make a Donation

*FIRST* Chesapeake/Virginia *FIRST* is a 20+ year-old 501(c)(3) organization which relies upon the generosity of individuals and donations to run its programs and events. Each year, we must raise more than \$800,000 to support 300+ middle and high school robotics teams and over 20 competitions and workshops. All donations made through [www.firstchesapeake.org](http://www.firstchesapeake.org) remain in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia and will directly benefit *FIRST* Chesapeake teams and outreach.



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