



# FIRST LEGO LEAGUE: GETTING STARTED GUIDE

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## How old can you be?

In North America, FIRST LEGO League (FLL) is for ages 9-14. Outside of North America, students may be up to age 16. Age is determined on January 1st of each competition year. The upper age limit is enforced.

## How many students can be on a team?

Up to 10 students (minimum 2). Students may only be on one FLL team each season. FLL teams also compete only in one region (selected at the time of registration).

## How much does it cost?

A rookie team will need approximately \$1,300 (see table below). In future years, you can re-use both the robot and the FLL table. However, you might find it useful to have a spare robot for the team. You might also want to budget an additional \$100/yr for new LEGO parts.

## What is the process for registering a team?

1) In North America, go to <http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fll/cost-and-registration> to start the process.

- 2) Registration opens some time in early May each year using the TIMS System.
- 3) Once 2 coaches are approved, you will be able to place an order for an EV3 Kit and a Field Setup Kit (FSK) through the same system. You can buy an EV3 from elsewhere, but this is the only way to purchase an FSK for the current year.
- 4) From the TIMS System, you can invite students to join the team.
- 5) Your local Operational Partner will contact you about registering for local events. Many regions have their own website with local information (times, events, etc).
- 6) The Challenge for the season is revealed at the end of August each year.
- 7) Registration stays open until all available spots are filled (usually some time in September)
- 8) The competition season runs from September through March (varies by region). It culminates in a World Festival in April and various International Opens around the world soon after.

Rookie Team Budget	Expense	Notes
FLL Team Registration	\$225	Based on 2015, <a href="http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fll/pricing-and-payment">http://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/fll/pricing-and-payment</a>
Field Setup Kit	\$75	Based on 2015
Shipping/Handling	\$50	Varies based on order and location
Qualifying and State Tournament Registration	\$150	Varies from state to state and country to country
Batteries, T-shirts, etc.	\$150	Varies by team
EV3 Robotics Kit	\$499	Purchased through FIRST
FLL Table	\$125	Varies
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,300</b>	<b>Approximate</b>