



## HOW IT WORKS

### FIRST FACTS

Over 40,000 high-school-aged young people

Over 1,600 teams

Over 22,000 mentors and 6,300 other volunteers

Over 3,000 sponsoring companies

One Identical Kit of Parts

6 weeks

40 Regional Events

1 State Championship

7 District Competitions

1 Championship:

Georgia Dome

Atlanta, GA

April 16-18, 2009

Hardest Fun Ever



*"...It's like life. You never have enough information. You never have enough time. The kit of materials may be what you have in the warehouse. There are always people doing competing things and you must have a strategy. We've created a microcosm of the real engineering experience."*

**Woodie Flowers**  
FIRST National Advisor

FIRST Robotics Competition combines the excitement of sport with science and technology to create a unique varsity sport for the mind. FRC helps high-school-aged young people discover the rewarding and engaging world of innovation and engineering.

### Inputs:

- » Teams of 15-25 High-school-aged Young People
- » Professional Engineers, Mentors
- » Teachers, Parents, Community
- » Corporate Sponsors
- » New Game Challenge each year

### Outputs:

- » Real-world Engineering Experience
- » Technological Literacy
- » Inspired Minds
- » Teamwork Skills
- » Career Path

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