



Coach Selection Policy

Application Process

Due West Robotics will establish an application period for coaches. Each applicant must complete and return an application by the end of the application period. *Please note that filling out an application does not guarantee a position as a coach.*

Due West Robotics can not honor special requests or guarantee a specific coach, team, etc., for any team member or coach applicant.

Coach Selection Process

The President and the Administrator will meet to review all coach applications. They will submit a recommended list of coaches to the Board for final approval.

Applications of coaches selected will be based on the following priorities:

- Past Coaching Involvement (Jr.FLL, FLL, FTC, TARC team)
- Coaching Workshop Involvement
- Location
 1. Donalds/Due West
 2. Abbeville County
 3. Outside Abbeville County
- Background Check
 - All selected coaches must be approved through an online process set up by the FIRST program.

Selected coaches will be notified by phone.

Applicants not selected as a coach will be notified by email.

Team Composition

- Jr.FLL
 - Coaches - maximum of 2 (one head coach and one assistant coach)
 - Team Members - maximum of 6
 - 6-9 years old

- FLL
 - Coaches - maximum of 3 (one head coach and two assistant coaches)
 - Team Members - maximum of 10 (8 members preferred)
 - 9-14 years old

- FTC
 - Coaches - maximum of 4 (one head coach and three assistant coaches)
 - Team Members - maximum of 15 (9-12 members preferred)
 - 12-18 years old

Due West Robotics establishes maximum and preferred team sizes based on past experience. These team sizes allow for reasonable levels of participation for each team member and ensure that each member has the opportunity to receive appropriate amounts of direction from the coaches. If a unique circumstance causes a minor change to be considered, the coaches will be consulted before any change is made.

Coaching Benefits

- Coach's son/daughter is guaranteed a spot on a team.
- Parent-coaches will have their child/children on *their* team unless agreed upon otherwise.
- Siblings are guaranteed a spot on the same team, provided he/she meets the prerequisites to be selected for a team.
- Each parent-coach will pay half of the team fee for their first child team member, and \$50 off one additional child team member on the same team.