Wisconsin FIRST Tech Challenge
2014/2015 Qualifying Tournament Structure

Why Qualifying Tournaments?
- Wisconsin FTC has experienced tremendous growth that we now have more teams than we have spaces at the State Championship!
- Qualifying Tournaments give teams more opportunities to play and the chance to play! Teams may participate in more than Qualifying Tournament for additional chances to advance to the State Championship.

Qualifying Tournament Schedule (Exact dates and locations to be announced shortly!)
- Milwaukee Qualifying Tournament: Saturday, January 3, 2015
- Fox Valley Qualifying Tournament: Saturday, January 17, 2015
- Madison Qualifying Tournament: Sunday, January 25, 2015

Wisconsin FIRST Tech Challenge Championship
February 6-7, 2015
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Student Union
2200 E. Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee, WI 53201
- Team check-in and inspection Friday, competition Saturday.

Qualifying Tournament Format
- Qualifying Tournaments have the same format as the Championship Tournament.
- Teams will compete in 5 matches followed by alliance selection and the final rounds.
- All official FTC awards are given at each Qualifying Tournament. Optional awards will not be presented.
- Teams have the opportunity to advance from a qualifying tournament to the State Championship based on the advancement criteria established by FIRST.
- The number of teams advancing from a Qualifying Tournament to the State Championship depends on the number of teams attending that tournament.
- The State Championship will consist of 24 teams.
- Teams must compete in a Qualifying Tournament to compete at the State Championship.

FTC Levels of Competition
Qualifying Tournaments ➔ State Championship ➔ Super Regional ➔ FTC World Championship

Advancement Criteria (From the FTC Game Manual)
Teams will advance to the next level of competition in the order indicated below according to the number of spots available. The advancement criteria will be applied to teams advancing from Qualifying Tournaments Championship Tournaments; from Championship Tournaments to Super Championship Tournaments; from Super Championship.

In the event that the team listed has already advanced or there is no team fitting that description (as in 2nd team selected at smaller events), the advancement will continue in order.

1. Qualifier Host Team
2. Inspire Award Winner
3. Winning Alliance Captain
4. Inspire Award 2nd place
5. Winning Alliance, 1st team selec
6. Inspire Award 3rd place
7. Winning Alliance, 2nd team selected
8. Think Award Winner  
9. Finalist Alliance Captain  
10. Connect Award Winner  
11. Finalist Alliance, 1st team selected  
12. Rockwell Collins Innovate Award Winner  
13. Finalist Alliance, 2nd team selected  
14. PTC Design Award Winner  
15. Highest Ranked Team not previously advanced  
16. Motivate Award Winner  
17. Highest Ranked Team not previously advanced  

**Important Note!**  
Teams who have advanced to the State Championship Tournament through an early Qualifying Tournament, but do not show up at other Qualifying Tournaments they have registered for will lose their spot at the Championship Tournament. If your team advances early in the Qualifying Tournaments, you should attend the other events you that the pressure of advancement!

**Registration for Qualifying Events**  
- Each Qualifying Tournament will have a set capacity.  
- Your team must be registered and have paid your FTC program registration to be eligible to compete in official Qualifying Events.  
- To allow all teams to have at least one opportunity to play, registration for Qualifying Tournaments will happen on a set schedule.  
- Priority Qualifying Tournament Registration for Wisconsin Teams  
  - Open September 15th (tentative) – October 31, 2014  
  - Priority registration for Wisconsin teams to register for one Qualifier  
- Open Qualifying Tournament Registration  
  - Wisconsin teams may register for a second qualifier starting November 1, 2014.  
  - Non-Wisconsin teams will be welcome to register beginning November 10, 2014.  
- Payment FTC Qualifying Tournaments can be made via check to the Qualifier Host.  
  - Payment is due on or before the Tournament date.  

**Cost for Competition Registration**  
- Qualifying Tournaments: $100  
- Championship Tournament: $200  
- Super Regional: $500  
- World Championship: $1000  
- Plan to qualify! Begin working on your fundraising efforts now so you’re ready when you do advance!