

 **in Schools**

NORTH AMERICA

**NATIONAL FINALS**

**Event Information Guide**



**April 10 - 12th, 2024**  
**Charlotte, NC**

## Message from F1 in Schools North America

Hey Y'all! We are excited to announce the 2024 F1 in Schools US and Canadian National Finals! This event has been a long time coming for our team and all of North America – with many virtual competitions, checkpoints, scrutineering reviews along the way. Our team is excited to see all the amazing student teams from throughout the US and Canada come together in-person for the first time in five years!

We invite your team, teachers, and parents to join us at the National Finals in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 10th-12th, 2024! Charlotte has been an iconic city for motorsports in the US for many decades and we can't wait to add F1 in Schools to the list of its history. From the thunderous echoes of engines at the Charlotte Motor Speedway to the meticulous craftsmanship in the surrounding racing shops, this city has been a cradle for innovation, speed, and adrenaline-fueled competition. We're thrilled to have you join us where speed, innovation, and passion converge!

On behalf of our entire team at F1 in Schools NA, we can't wait to see everyone's hard work at the competition. We know the great project elements that teams produce year after year through the F1 in Schools program and the difference it makes in competitors' lives. This year's competition hopes to level up expectations and offer opportunities for learning, feedback to help you in future years, and fun to reward all your hard work!

As always, our national team is a resource for all of you if you ever need anything with your F1 in Schools journey – please reach out. See you in Charlotte!



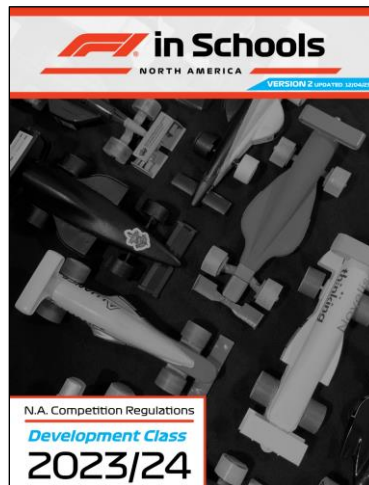
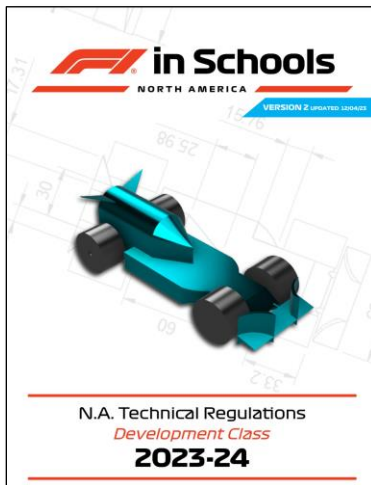
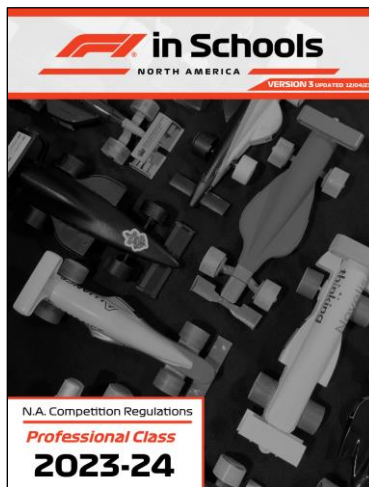
**Brian Kendzior, CEO**  
**on behalf of F1 in Schools NA**

## IMPORTANT: New Rules are Out!

Be sure to use the latest revisions of the Competition and Technical Regulations when preparing your entry for the National Finals! The most up-to-date copy of both can be found in the Team Portal!

Minor changes have been made to both including –

- Pit Display Shipping Information
- Addition of Team Numbers on car within the Tech Regs



## **Deadlines & Important Dates**

### **2023**

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**Dec 22** – Hotel Reservations website opens

### **2024**

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**Jan 1** – Registration Opens

**Feb 1** – Registration Closes

**Feb 15** – All teams should have booked their hotel stay

**Mar 1** – Last day to order materials (arrives by Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Apr 7** – Digital Submission of Project Elements

**Apr 10 - 12** – US & Canadian National Finals in Charlotte!

## Preliminary Event Schedule

Below is a rough outline of the three-day event. A detailed competition schedule will be released in the competition program prior to competition. Times are subject to slight change.

### **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Team Check-In, Project Submission, & Pit Display Build**

- Team Check-In Starting at 12pm. Teams will be scheduled for a check in slot per their flight arrival time.
  - The last check in slot will be 3:15pm. All teams should be onsite at the official competition hotel no later than 2:30pm EST.
  - All teams must have checked in all project elements by 3:30pm.
- All teams must be onsite by 3:30pm with all materials for Pit Display Build (4:00-6:00pm).

### **Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – Competition Day #1 – Interviews & Racing**

- Opening Ceremony
- Judging Interviews & Racing
  - Lunch will be provided to all registered team members, lead adults, and guests.

### **Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – Competition Day #2 – Knockout Racing & Awards Ceremony**

- Knockout Racing
  - Lunch will be provided to all registered team members, lead adults, and guests.
- Extracurricular Competitor Activity
- Evening Awards Celebration Gala Dinner
- Car Pickup and Venue Tear Down
  - Teams should plan to stay Friday night at the hotel and leave on Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>

## Competition Fees & Registration

Every competing team at the National Finals will need to complete registration by **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. Registration will open on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and is open to all teams throughout the US and Canada. In addition, in order to ensure the safety of all attendees, all team guests, support members, and parents are required to register in order to receive admission to the competition.

### Team Registration - \$1450 per team

Register up to six team members and one lead adult. Teams will be asked for their logo, website, and social media links during registration. Team registration includes lunch for all registered team members and their lead adult on the two main competition days (April 11 & 12) and dinner at the awards ceremony.

### Team Guest Registration, Three Days - ~~\$300~~ \$200 each

The three-day guest pass includes access to competition on all days (April 10-12), lunch on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and access to the Awards Ceremony on the 12<sup>th</sup> (dinner included). Suggested for accompanying adults and support members.

### Awards Ceremony Pass - \$100 each

The one-day pass includes access to the awards ceremony and dinner on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> only.

### Link to Register:

[www.f1inschoolsna.org/portal/calendar#!event/2024/4/10/us-canadian-national-finals](http://www.f1inschoolsna.org/portal/calendar#!event/2024/4/10/us-canadian-national-finals)

### Registration is completed in TWO Steps:

1. Purchase Registration on our website (at the link above) to register your team and guests.
2. Fill out the Google Form within the Registration Confirmation email to upload your Team's Logo, photo consent forms, Team/Guest Headshots and social media information by Feb 1st.
  - a. Step 2 may be completed at any time after Step 1, as long as it is completed before Feb 1.

Each individual is required to submit the following at time of registration:

- Headshot (for badge identification)
- Photo Consent Waiver (found later in this document)
- Event Waiver (found later in this document)

**Please note:** event registration is non-refundable. All prices shown in USD. To access registration – teams must be affiliated and logged into the Team Portal. Affiliation is open to all teams through the US and Canada – visit [F1inSchoolsNA.org/affiliate](http://F1inSchoolsNA.org/affiliate) to learn how to affiliate.

## Event Venue & City

### Charlotte, North Carolina

Dive into one of the US motorsports' heartlands, indulge in diverse cuisines, and explore the city's vibrant neighborhoods to uncover all the Charlotte has to offer. Located just a short drive away to Kannapolis, NC where Hass F1 headquarters are located and a 25-minute drive to the Charlotte Motor Speedway and home of Hendricks Motorsports in Concord, NC.



#### Popular Sights:

- Bank of America Stadium (4 MI)
- Charlotte Airport Overlook (9 MI)
- NASCAR Hall of Fame (7 MI)
- Spectrum Center Arena 1 MI)
- US National Whitewater Center (1 MI)
- Top Golf (10 Minutes)
- Carowinds Amusement Park (15 Minutes)
- South Park Mall (15-20 Minutes)
- Park Road Park (15-20 Minutes)

## Hotel Information & Booking

### Hilton Charlotte Airport

We are excited to welcome all teams and team guests to the Hilton Charlotte Airport hotel. This recently renovated hotel boasts all suite rooms and easy access to the hotel convention center. All teams and accompanying guests **are required** to stay at the official competition hotel and arrive no later than **April 10<sup>th</sup>** and depart no earlier than **April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. The hotel offers a convenient and complimentary airport shuttle from Charlotte Douglas International Airport and to destinations within three miles of the hotel.



**Location:** 2800 Coliseum Centre Drive Charlotte NC 28217, US

**Phone:** (704) 357-1414

#### Hotel Amenities Include:

- Breakfast for up to 4 guests per room
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- Microwaves
- Mini-Fridges
- Hairdryers Irons/Ironing Boards
- In-Room Safes

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**Available Guest Services:**



- Complimentary Airport Shuttle Service + Destinations within Three-Mile Radius, including:
  - Charlotte Premium Outlets
  - Lynx Light Rail (train) Pickup Station for access downtown (3 MI)
  - Walmart Super Center
  - Publix Grocery Store
  - CVS and Walgreens Pharmacy
- Available Business Center
- 24-Hour Fitness Center
- Indoor Pool
- Guest Laundry Facilities
- Self-Parking Available (\$5/day)

**Check In:** 4pm

**Check Out:** 12pm/Noon

**Available Rooms:**

Hotel room rates are guaranteed from April 8-16<sup>th</sup>. All teams and accompanying guests (additional lead adults or supporting team members) **are required** to stay at the official competition hotel and arrive no later than **April 10<sup>th</sup>** and depart no earlier than **April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

Daily Rate per Room	Room Type	Bed Configuration	Suggested Occupancy
\$159 USD	Two Queen Beds		4 Persons*
\$159 USD	One King Bed		2 Persons

\*Breakfast is included only for up to four guests per room.

**Link to Book\*\*:**

[Click Here for Hotel Booking Link](https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cltachh-hilton-charlotte-airport/)  
or use Group Code "F1NANF" on  
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cltachh-hilton-charlotte-airport/>

**\*\*Please note:** All teams MUST use the link above to book their reservations through, not the main hotel website. This link guarantees you the group rate and allows us to keep count of who is registered. **Teams who do not book through this link or stay elsewhere will face an additional fee.**

**Local Airport**

**Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT)**

6 miles to venue; 10 minute drive (shuttle offered)

## **MEDIA CONSENT AND RELEASE STATEMENT**

### **For minors under 18 years of age**

Throughout the Event, any registered competitors, members of their family, team guests, adult team leads (collectively referred to as “Event Guests”) may be highlighted in efforts to promote F1 in Schools activities. Event Guests may be featured in materials including (but not limited to) newspapers, radio, TV, the internet, DVDs, LiveCast streams, Social Media Channels, Event Banner Displays, Brochures, as well as other types of media.

I, as the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, hereby give Nexus North America Inc., F1 in Schools, its employees, representatives, and authorized media organizations permission to print, photograph, and record myself, and my child(ren) for use in any electronic, digital, online, and printed media for any lawful purpose.

- a) This is with the understanding that I will not receive monetary compensation for myself, or my child(ren)’s participation.
- b) I further release and relieve Nexus North America Inc., F1 in Schools, its employees, representatives, and authorized media organizations from any liabilities, known or unknown, arising out of the use of this material.

I certify that I have read the Media Consent and Release Liability statement and fully understand its terms and conditions.

By signing below, I acknowledge that this authorization form shall remain on file and will be valid until revoked in writing by competitors’ parent or legal guardian.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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\_\_\_\_\_  
ADULT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

# F1 in Schools US and Canadian National Finals Event Waiver

## REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Having been made aware of the activities the registrant will be doing, I hereby consent to the registrant's participation in the F1 in Schools US and Canadian National Finals

I voluntarily release and forever discharge F1 in Schools N.A. and Nexus North America ("the host") from any and all liability, claims, actions, or rights of action which are in any way related to the registrant's participation in the competition activities. I agree to indemnify and hold the host harmless from any and all costs, damages, or losses, including attorney fees, incurred in connection with the registrant's participation in competition activities. I further agree not to sue, assert or otherwise maintain any claim or cause of action against the host arising from the registrant's participation in competition activities.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Is the registrant over 18? (Circle One): Yes No

Participant Status (Circle One): Student Competitor Lead Adult Guest Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending with School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### (IF REGISTRANT IS A MINOR):

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age of Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Contact Information

### Competition, Registration & Booking Questions:

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**We look forward to seeing you at the National Finals!**