

To all *FIRST*® LEGO® League  
Regional partners and teams

Leipzig, January 12th, 2021

### **Events in the 2020-21 season**

Dear *FIRST* LEGO League teams,  
dear regional partners,

we wish you all the best for the year 2021 - especially health.

The pandemic is keeping all our private, professional and school lives in suspense. We all hoped that the situation would ease more quickly. Unfortunately, this is not the case, but the opposite. More and more people are being infected and the virus is spreading at an alarming rate. Germany, Austria and Switzerland are also severely affected.

HANDS on TECHNOLOGY e.V. wants to deal responsibly with the situation. Therefore, the board and the management have decided the following for the current season:

- There will be no on-site events. All *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge Tournaments and *FIRST* LEGO League Explore Exhibitions will be conducted remote only.
- The period for Challenge Regional Tournaments and Explore Exhibitions will be extended again. They can take place until the end of April.
- There are no *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge qualification tournaments. Teams qualify directly from the regional tournament to the final. From regional tournaments with up to 12 teams, 1 team qualifies; with 13 teams, 2 teams qualify; with 19 teams or more, 3 teams qualify.
- The remote *FIRST* LEGO League Challenge Final will take place in mid-May with about 65 teams.



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**Dear teams,**

The conditions for good and intensive work on the tasks are not optimal in this season. We know that. Nevertheless, we would like to encourage you to present your results at an event. Show what you have achieved and be proud of it!

**Dear regional partners,**

especially now, when children are experiencing restrictions in many areas of their lives, we must work together to be an anchor with *FIRST* LEGO League. Even if it is different from what we are used to, we can set a highlight with the virtual events and show the teams appreciation for the performance they have achieved. Safely and with distance.

HANDS on TECHNOLOGY e.V. supports you with questions and is available for feedback. Write us an email or call us: [info@hands-on-technology.org](mailto:info@hands-on-technology.org), phone +49 341 2461583.

Best regards,

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