



# Team Checklist

## 2026-2027 StellarXplorers National Space Design Competition

Use this checklist to help your team get started and stay on track in the StellarXplorers Space Design Competition. If you have any questions, please email [competition@stellarxplorers.org](mailto:competition@stellarxplorers.org).

Task	Additional Info
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Register the team on <a href="#">StellarXplorers website</a></b> <i>Must be registered by October 14, 2026</i>	<i>Form completed by adult team director.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Get verified by listed Verification Official <i>Follow up to ensure they receive the automated email</i>	<i>Verification official contact information was provided on the team registration form.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Request Systems Tool Kit (STK) License and download STK 13.0 software	<i>Instructions in approval email</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Activate Nova Space Online Course access <i>Returning teams can use existing credentials</i>	<i>Instructions included in separate email</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Team Director Orientation (or watch recording)	<i>October 6, 2026 - 7:30 PM ET</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Read the Rule Book (all team members)	<a href="http://www.stellarxplorers.org/rule-book">www.stellarxplorers.org/rule-book</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Practice with the training resources on the website	<a href="http://www.stellarxplorers.org/training">www.stellarxplorers.org/training</a>
<input type="checkbox"/> Find a mentor if additional help is needed	<i>Instructions in approval email</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Register competitors to team rosters</b> <i>Must be registered by October 21, 2026</i>	<i>Competitor registration link included in approval email.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pay registration fee (if applicable)</b> <i>Due by November 5, 2026</i>	<i>If payment is owed, an invoice will be attached to approval email</i>
<i>We encourage teams to continue practicing between each of the online rounds below:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Practice Round 1 (PR1)	<i>October 8-11, 2026</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Compete in Qualifying Round 1 (QR1) - SCORED</b>	<i>October 29 – November 1, 2026</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Practice Round 2 (PR2)	<i>November 12-15, 2026</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Compete in Qualifying Round 2 (QR2) - SCORED</b>	<i>December 3-6, 2026</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Practice Round 3 (PR3)	<i>January 7-10, 2027</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Compete in Qualifying Round 3 (QR3) - SCORED</b>	<i>January 28-31, 2027</i>
<i>Must advance to each of the rounds below to compete:</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Compete in Semifinal Round – SCORED</b> <i>Top 30% of teams based on cumulative Qualification Round scores</i>	<i>February 18-21, 2027</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Participate in National Finals Competition – SCORED</b> <i>Top 10 teams based on Semifinal Round Score</i>	<i>April 28-30, 2027 - Denver, CO</i>