Mississippi FIRST Tech Challenge teams require to be “Event Ready” in order to register for a qualifier this season. To be “Event Ready”, the following must be true:

1. Teams must have paid their annual $275 registration fee to FIRST (either via grant or by cash).
2. Teams must have two adult coaches registered and screened by the FIRST system through the Dashboard.

If you are looking at your Dashboard and you see a red oval with a number in it (like this), it means that you have an issue with your registration and you are not “Event Ready”. The number indicates how many issues you have (names, team numbers, and contact info are redacted to protect the offender).

For example, when you click on the arrow on the far left of the Dashboard next to the team name, the Team Options menu pulls down.

When you select the red box that shows Outstanding Tasks, you can see that this team hasn’t paid the registration fee and that there is another issue with one of the Lead Coach/Mentors of the teams.

To see the issues with the Lead Coach/Mentors, click on the red link labeled “Review Outstanding Tasks”. You will see that the Lead Coach/Mentor doesn’t have their annual Consent and Release form on file with FIRST (see picture below). In order to fix this issue, that coach/mentor needs to login to their Dashboard (it may be you), pull down their name on the upper right corner of the page, and select Consent & Release to fix it.
If you see a message like this (see below) as an Outstanding Task, it means that a second Lead Coach/Mentor is completely missing. Click on the Invite link to send an email to that second adult and have them register for their own Dashboard, electronically sign the Consent & Release form, and go through the Youth Protection Program screening system.

After all Outstanding Tasks are complete, you and your team will be Event Ready and you will then be eligible to register for a Mississippi FIRST Tech Challenge qualifier.