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## Jackson High School's robotics team heading to world championship

*FIRST Team 2910 Jack In The Bot are 2023 PNW FIRST Robotics District Champions*



*FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Team 2910 Jack in the Bot*

Mill Creek, WA--FRC Team 2910 Jack in the Bot recently competed at the robotics district championships at Eastern Washington University in Cheney. The rules and scoring of a robotics competition in FIRST Robotics changes every year. The only thing that stays the same is the size of the field perimeter. Participants have roughly eight weeks to design, build and program their robot before competitions begin. This year's game has a maximum (unpenalized) score of 193 points. Games have a 15 second pre-programmed autonomous round, followed by two minutes and 15 seconds of driver-controlled play.

"After three days of fierce competition, I am proud to share that our JHS robotics team has won the 2023 PNW FIRST Robotics District Championship!" said Kyle Pihl, Head Coach - FRC Team 2910.

This will be the third consecutive time the team has won the PNW District Championship, having also won in [2019](#) and [2022](#). The District Championship was not held in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.



*PNW District Championship world record*

In this year's competition, the robotics team has set and tied world records, scoring an unpenalized [192 points](#), just one point shy of a perfect max score. They have also had a perfect autonomous performance with their alliance partners FRC Teams 2046 Bear Metal and 1983 Skunkworks in one of their matches.

“Out of 120 teams from Washington, Oregon and Alaska, we have finished as the #1 ranked robotics team and are officially advancing to the 2023 FIRST Robotics World Championship for the seventh time since the team was founded in 2009,” added Pihl. “We will fly out to Houston, Texas for this competition on Tuesday, April 18 and will compete for three days for a chance to set foot on Einstein Field again on Saturday, April 22. I cannot emphasize enough how proud I am of our students, not just for what they have accomplished but the way in which they competed.”

[FIRST Robotics prides itself on a culture of Gracious Professionalism® and Coopertition®.](#) The games require collaboration with alliance partners to achieve high scores and ranks. It is extremely common for teams to share parts or provide support to other teams that need it, even teams on opposing alliances. Team 2910 was fortunate to work with teams 2046 Bear Metal, 948 NRG and 1983 Skunkworks in their road to the championship win.



*‘Coopertition® is cooperation and competition*

Team 2910 Jack In The Bot closed out their 2023 district events with the following accolades:

- Record of 65 wins, 7 losses and 0 ties in official play
- Rank 1 in all events in which they participated
- Winner of the PNW Glacier Peak Event and recipient of the Excellence in Engineering Award
- Winner of the PNW SunDome event and recipient of the Industrial Design Award
- Winner of the PNW Sammamish event and recipient of the Autonomous Award
- Winner of the PNW District Championship and recipient of a second Industrial Design Award

[Watch all matches competed here.](#)  
[Full season of stats/match results here.](#)

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