

MASTER OF CEREMONIES (aka “MC” or “Emcee”)

POSITION SUMMARY

Primary individual responsible for setting the tone of the competition. Create and sustain an exciting and fun atmosphere throughout the event. Most visible presence at the event; embodies the spirit of FIRST and is the consummate FIRST ambassador. Work together as a team with Game Announcer to ensure a well-organized and thrilling event. Play a critical role in ensuring smooth flow of match play, and maintaining the pace of the event. Key volunteer position that will significantly impact the quality of the competition.

BENEFITS OF THE POSITION

- Make a difference in the lives of youth by creating a fun, meaningful, and inspirational experience for team members
- Highest profile volunteer position, prominent audible and visible presence
- Significant level of responsibility; opportunity to utilize and further develop leadership skills
- Networking opportunities
- Opportunity to utilize and further develop public speaking skills
- Opportunity to set the pace of the competition; impact overall quality of event
- Opportunity to work in an exciting, fun, highly-charged environment

ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Demonstrate Gracious Professionalism
- Attend Volunteer Meeting
- Participate in training opportunities offered by FIRST
- Commentate the Opening and Closing ceremonies
- Provide spectators and teams an overview of game and the basic rules frequently throughout event
- Announce teams participating in matches
- Collaborate with Game Announcer to keep spectators informed of competition agenda and status; seeks and announces unique information specific to individual teams
- Collaborate with Head Referee, on-field technical support, Field Supervisor and Event Manager to facilitate compliance with schedule; adjust commentary accordingly and works with Game Announcer to ensure schedule compliance

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS NEEDED

- FIRST experience strongly preferred
- Public speaking experience highly preferred; TV/radio/acting experience ideal
- Thorough knowledge of FIRST, the competition game and rules
- High energy, gregarious; sense of humor
- Creative and animated
- Comfortable using a microphone and addressing a large crowd; vocally energetic
- Ability to handle situations as they occur
- Ability to collaborate with others
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to move about the field

TRAINING

Provided by FIRST headquarters prior to start of competition season, may include: live and/or recorded web conferences, teleconference(s), manual and other support materials, email communications and one-on-one support. First-year volunteer may serve in an apprentice role, working with a veteran emcee. Event Manager and AV Tech Director provide guidance during the competition.

TIME COMMITMENT AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Commitment: Friday and Saturday, Thursday is optional, and Wednesday Dinner Meeting; participation in training offered by FIRST

DAY(S)TIMES	ACTIVITIES
<p><i>* Volunteers should arrive on site 30-45 minutes prior to start of shift</i></p> <p><i>* Shift times may vary by regional event</i></p>	
<p>Wednesday Evening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend Volunteer Meeting
<p>Thursday</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optional, practice matches only
<p>Friday 8am-6pm *Saturday 8am-5pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to start of shift: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check in at Volunteer Registration/Information Table • Report to field • Consult with Master of Ceremonies • Perform duties

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPERVISION

Oversight by Volunteer Coordinator