

## FIRST Robotics Competition — Volunteer Position Description

### REFEREE

#### POSITION SUMMARY

Referees observe team matches, identify rule violations, and “call” them. They calculate the official score of the matches and participate in deliberations regarding contested calls. Work under the direction of the Head Referee. Play a critical role in ensuring smooth flow of match play, and maintaining the pace of the event.

*\*Must sign a Volunteer Conflict of Interest and Disclosure Form prior to start of service*

#### BENEFITS OF THE POSITION

- Make a difference in the lives of youth by creating a fun, meaningful, and inspirational experience for team members
- Significant level of responsibility
- High visibility role
- Opportunity to utilize and further develop interpersonal skills
- Ability to work and interact with volunteers, team members and students, contracted and FIRST staff
- Ability to contribute to the successful execution of the competition
- Positioned on the perimeter of the playing field; fast-paced action
- Physically active role, not sedentary
- Opportunity to work in an exciting, fun, highly charged environment

#### ACTIVITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Demonstrate Gracious Professionalism
- Attend Volunteer Meeting (optional), participate in training (REQUIRED)
- Observe matches, “call” rule infractions; determine penalties
- Participate in deliberations regarding contested calls
- Complete and submit a scoring sheet, after each match, to the Head Referee
- Participate in discussions with Head Referee and other referees to determine official match scores
- Participate in deliberations with the Head Referee, Field Supervisor, Lead Robot Inspector and Innovation First staff regarding robot-related issues raised by opposing team
- Monitor and promote safe practices on and around the playing field; wear safety glasses during the matches

#### EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS NEEDED

- FIRST experience not required
- Ability to “take charge”; be assertive, but tactful
- Thorough knowledge of the competition game and rules of play
- Outgoing personality; high energy
- Strong communication, diplomacy skills
- Ability to collaborate with others, work as a member of a team
- Attention to detail
- Ability to move about the field
- Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Strong assessment skills

#### TRAINING

Head Referee conducts training at the Volunteer Meeting on Wednesday or Thursday evening and provides guidance during the competition.

#### TIME COMMITMENT AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

**Commitment:** Thursday (training), Friday, and Saturday

DAY/SHIFT	ACTIVITIES
<p><b>* Volunteers should arrive on site 30-45 minutes prior to start of shift</b>  <i>* Shift times may vary by regional event</i></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday</b> Evening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Volunteer Meeting (optional)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Thursday</b> Evening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Referee training (REQUIRED)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Friday</b> 8am-6pm <b>*Saturday</b> 8am-5pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prior to start of shift: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check in at Volunteer Registration/Information Table</li> <li>• Report to</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Perform duties</li> <li>• Participate in Awards Ceremony (Sat) - OPTIONAL</li> </ul>

**REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPERVISION**

- Head Referee provides direct supervision
- Oversight by Volunteer Coordinator