

HEAD REFEREE

POSITION SUMMARY – *Key Volunteer Position*

The Head Referee is responsible for training, directing and supervising all Referees. Oversees all scoring processes and procedures. Has final authority for decisions regarding team scores. 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*

FIRST VOLUNTEERS

- Demonstrate Gracious Professionalism
- Contribute to creating an exciting, fun, highly-charged environment
- Make a difference in the lives of youths by creating a meaningful, inspirational and educational experience for team members
- Participate in required training offered by FIRST, and attend Volunteer Orientation Meeting
- Check-in daily at the Volunteer Registration/Information Table prior to start of shift
- Receive a Volunteer shirt and badge to be worn while participating in an event

POSITION OVERVIEW

- Significant level of responsibility
- High visibility role
- 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; impact quality of event
- Positioned on perimeter of the playing field; fast-paced action
- Physically active role, not sedentary
- Time Commitment: Thursday (training), Friday, and Saturday; participation in pre-event training offered by FIRST

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct referee training; may attend Volunteer Meeting if desired
- Supervise referees
- Observe matches, “call” and announce rule infractions; determines penalties
- Lead score deliberations and make final decision regarding match scores.
- Provide match scores to the Scorekeeper/Field Power Controller
- Participate in deliberations with the Field Supervisor, Lead Robot Inspector, and Innovation First staff regarding robot-related issues raised by opposing team
- Work closely with the Field Supervisor and Scorekeeper/Field Power Controller to ensure matches proceed smoothly and matches are on schedule
- Monitor and promote safe practices on and around the playing field; wear safety glasses during the matches
- Secure and distributes referee supplies

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS NEEDED

- Two years FIRST referee experience strongly suggested
- Demonstrate diplomacy and authority; be assertive, but tactful
- Thorough knowledge of the competition game and rules of play
- Outgoing personality; high energy
- Strong communication, diplomacy skills
- Self-directed individual
- 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

TIME COMMITMENT

Commitment:	Minimum three days + Training
Approximate times:	Wednesday 6:00 P.M.- 8 P.M. Mandatory Volunteer Orientation Training
	Thursday 8:00 A.M.- 8 P.M.
	Friday 8:00 A.M.- 5 P.M.
	Saturday 8:00 A.M.- Completion

NOTE: Volunteers should arrive on site approx 30 minutes prior to start of shift if meals are desired

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 Head Referee.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPERVISION

Oversight by Volunteer Coordinator

Support by FIRST Technical Advisor and Head Referee Advisor

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

DAY/SHIFT	ACTIVITIES
* Volunteers should arrive on site 30-45 minutes prior to start of shift * Shift times may vary by regional event	
Wednesday Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend Volunteer Meeting (optional)• Conduct Referee training (option to do it on Wednesday)
Thursday 9am-10am Evening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participates in driver's meeting• Observes practice rounds• Conduct Referee training (If not done on Wednesday)
Friday 8aam-6pm *Saturday 8am-5pm	<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• Perform duties• Participate in Awards Ceremony (Sat) - OPTIONAL