

# REFEREE

## POSITION SUMMARY

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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*

## FIRST VOLUNTEERS

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- 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

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- Significant level of responsibility
- High visibility role
- Opportunity to utilize and further develop interpersonal skills
- Work and interact with volunteers, team members and students, contracted and FIRST staff
- Contribute to the successful execution of the competition
- Physically active role, not sedentary, Positioned on the perimeter of playing field; fast-paced action

## RESPONSIBILITIES

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- 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/promote safe practices on and around the playing field; wear safety glasses during the matches

## EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS NEEDED

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- 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

## TIME COMMITMENT

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<b>Commitment:</b>	Thursday -Attend Referee training (REQUIRED), Friday, and Saturday
<b>Approximate times:</b>	Wednesday 6:00 P.M.- 8 P.M. Mandatory Volunteer Orientation Training
	Thursday 8:00 A.M.- 6 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

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

## REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPERVISION

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- Direct supervision: Head Referee
- On-site guidance: Volunteer Coordinator