

HEAD REFEREE

POSITION SUMMARY – This is a certified, Key Volunteer Position

The Head Referee is responsible for training, directing and supervising all Referees and Official Scorers. 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 and certification required through *FIRST*

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct referee training; may attend Volunteer Meeting if desired
- Supervise Referees and Official Scorers
- 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 and Lead Robot Inspector 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
- Attend Head Referee trainings by teleconference

EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS NEEDED

- Two years *FIRST* referee experience required
- 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:	Pre-event training and certification + Minimum three days at event
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: training at *FIRST* Head Quarters, 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 Chief Referee

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 evening)
Friday 8am-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 FTA• Perform duties• Participate in Awards Ceremony (Sat) - OPTIONAL