REFEREE

POSITION SUMMARY – This is a certified position

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

- 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
- 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

- Observe matches, "call" rule infractions; determine penalties
- Participate in deliberations regarding contested calls
- Participate in discussions with Head Referee and other referees to determine official match scores
- Participate in deliberations with the Head Referee 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

- Ability to "take charge"; be assertive, but tactful
- Thorough knowledge of the competition game and rules of play (must pass certification test)
- 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

Commitment:	Pre-event training and certification, Thursday -Attend Referee training (REQUIRED), Friday, and Saturday	
Approximate times:	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

Pre-event training provided by *FIRST* Head Quarters prior to start of competition season. Head Referee conducts training during a teleconference approximately one week in advance of the event and at the Volunteer Orientation Dinner and Training on Wednesday or Thursday evening and provides guidance during the competition.

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPERVISION

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