

# GAME ANNOUNCER

## **POSITION SUMMARY – *Key Volunteer Position***

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Work as part of a team with the Master of Ceremonies to energize the teams and spectators, generate and maintain interest, enthusiasm, and excitement throughout the matches. Announce play-by-play commentary for each match. Play a critical role in ensuring smooth flow of match play, and maintaining the pace of the event. Key volunteer position, significantly impacts the success of the event.

## **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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- High profile position, audible and visible presence at competition
- Significant level of responsibility
- Community exposure
- Opportunity to utilize and further develop public speaking skills
- Opportunity to set the pace of the event; impact overall quality of event

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- Attend Volunteer Meeting
- Participate in training opportunities offered by FIRST
- Provide play-by-play commentary for each match
- Report match scores and winning team alliance
- Make “housekeeping” announcements
- Assist Master of Ceremonies in keeping spectators informed of competition agenda and status; seek and announce unique information specific to individual teams
- Friday and Saturday - Consult with Master of Ceremonies
- Optional: Thursday practice matches. Opportunity to observe and become familiar with the game.

## **EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS NEEDED**

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- FIRST experience strongly preferred
- Public speaking experience highly preferred; TV/radio/acting experience ideal
- Comfortable using a microphone and addressing a large crowd; vocally energetic
- High energy, gregarious; sense of humor
- Ability to develop commentary as matches occur
- Ability to collaborate with others
- Strong organizational skills
- Thorough knowledge of the game
- Ability to sit for long periods of time

## **TIME COMMITMENT**

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**Commitment:** Participation in pre-event training offered by FIRST  
**Approximate times:** Wednesday..... 6:00 P.M.- 8 P.M. Mandatory Volunteer Orientation Training  
Thursday ..... Optional  
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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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 Game Announcer.

## **REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS AND SUPERVISION**

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Direct supervision: Event Manager and Volunteer Coordinator