Ridgefield VEX Robotics Tournament

Volunteer Roles Descriptions



Schedule:

Friday, November 22nd, 2024

2:30 - 8:00 pm Event Setup - end time may (hopefully) be earlier based on number of volunteers

Saturday, November 23rd, 2024

- 7:00 AM Doors Open
- 7:15 8:30 Registration and Inspection
- 8:30 8:50 Drivers Meeting, Announcements, and Introductions
- 9:00 2:00 Qualification Rounds & Skills Competition*
- 2:15 2:30 Alliance Selection
- 2:45 4:30 Elimination & Championship Rounds, Awards**

Volunteers should complete <u>this form</u> or email Mr. Murphy at <u>mmurphy@ridgefieldps.net</u> with preferred role(s) and available hours as well as any questions.

Learn more about this year's game at https://www.vexrobotics.com/v5/competition/vrc-current-game

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Volunteer Roles for Students or Adults

Field Reset

Field Reset Volunteer ~8:15am ~ 3:30pm - 4-8 people, can broken up into smaller shifts (students or adults)

Responsibility:

 Accurately reset scoring objects and game elements on the VEX competition fields after each match.

Skills Needed:

- No experience required
- Ability to review field diagrams to place game objects in correct location on the competition fields
- Move quickly around the fields
- Good listening skills

Queuing

Responsibility:

- Line up (queue) teams for each match from the queue tables to the game field to help keep matches on schedule.
- Ensure robots are in order according to the Match List report and aligned with the correct game field.

Skills Needed:

- No experience required
- Communicate effectively
- Pay attention to detail
- Stay organized in fast-paced environment

Photography and/or Videography

Photography & Videography ~ any time throughout the event - as many as are interested.

Responsibility:

- Take photos and/or videos
- Upload and share with mmurphy@ridgefildps.net

Skills Needed:

- No experience required
- Just need a camera

National Anthem (please contact Ms. Verney-Fink)

8:15 am - 8:45 am (Anthem to be performed at 8:30 am) - as many as interested	
Responsibility: • Perform National Anthem	Skills Needed: • Musicality

Breakdown volunteer (after the event)

Breakdown ~2:00pm ~ 4:00pm - early breakdown of skills & practice fields not in use - as many as available ~4:00pm ~ 5:00pm or whenever we're done - all Robotics Club members & everyone still there!

Responsibility:

- Disassemble fields and collect game elements
- Pack materials in transport containers
- Load equipment into trailer

Skills Needed:

- No experience required
- Everyone's help is needed!

Volunteer Roles for Adults Only

Team Check-in Volunteer

Team Check-In ~7:00am ~ 9:00 am --- 1-2 people (at least one adult)

Responsibility:

- Welcome teams as they arrive at the event.
- Verify each team's information and adult team contact person.
- Collect Engineering notebooks, Consent Forms, event registration fees and/or other information or documents (confirm with Event Partner).
- It is extremely important to provide an accurate list of teams that have checked in to the Event Partner before the MatchSchedule is generated.

Skills Needed:

- No experience required.
- Pay attention to detail.
- Communicate effectively.

Volunteer Check-in

Volunteer Check-in ~7:00am ~ 9:00 am - 1-2 people (at least one adult)

Responsibility:

- Verify volunteer names, roles, and schedules
- Provide volunteers with materials, which may include name badges, maps, t-shirts, etc., based on the event
- Introduce volunteers to the people who will provide training, and direct volunteers where to report

Skills Needed:

- No experience required.
- Pay attention to detail.
- Communicate effectively.
- Comfortable using computer

Concessions Volunteer

Concessions Volunteer ~7:00am ~ 4:00pm ~ can be broken up into smaller shifts (adults and students if needed)

Responsibility:

- Sell food and beverages
- Gloves must be worn at all time by volunteers serving pizza
- Keep track of collected money

Skills Needed:

- No experience required.
- Collect money and make change
- Customer service4 of 4

Judge

<u>Judge Volunteer</u> 7:45am ~ 3:30pm - 20+ people needed (adults only) <u>Notebook, Interview Rubrics</u> <u>Judging Guide</u>

Responsibility:

- Review Engineering Notebooks
- Judge presentations in-person
- Observe teams on the competition floor
- Walk around to interview teams in the pit areas (most Judges).

Skills Needed:

- Pay attention to detail and be impartial
- Interact positively with students
- Communicate effectively
- Prefer some judging experience, but beginners can be trained quickly and easily

Student Center/Pit Announcer

Student Center/Pit Announcer ~7:00am ~ 3:30pm - 1-2 people - can be broken up into smaller shifts (adult)

Responsibility:

- Make announcements to pit area
- Communicate with Queuing Chief via walkie
- Serve in a customer service role by assisting teams and guests with competition and venue related questions.

Skills Needed:

- No experience required.
- Comfortable speaking on microphone
- Comfortable using walkie-talkie
- Ability to troubleshoot issues
- Communicate effectively.

Practice Field Volunteer

Practice Field Volunteer ~7:00am ~ 1:00pm ~ 1-2 people, can be broken up into smaller shifts (at least 1 adult)

Responsibility:

- Manage practice fields for your assigned program, including queuing.
- Ensure that all teams have access to practice time and proceed in an orderly manner.
- Enforce time limits as needed.

Skills Needed:

- No experience required.
- Monitor students and keep order.
- Communicate effectively with authority

Skills Field Scorekeeper

Skills Field Volunteer ~9:00am ~ 1:00pm ~ 1 or 2, can be broken up into smaller shifts (adults)

Responsibility:

- Manage the skills fields for both programming and driver skills runs.
- Record scores for skills runs in the tournament manager system
- Ensure that all teams have opportunities to complete skills runs and make room for the next team in an orderly manner.
- Enforce time limits as needed.

Skills Needed:

- Experienced volunteers are preferred; however Skills Field Scorekeepers can be new volunteers and trained quickly
- Computer or tablet use for Tournament Manager System
- Monitor students and keep order.
- Communicate effectively with authority

Queuing Chief

Queuing Chief ~9:00am ~ 3:30pm - 1-2 gods/goddesses (adult)

Responsibility:

- Communicate with referees and head table about upcoming match schedule
- Communicate with Pit Admin to make queuing announcements
- Direct volunteers to line up (queue) teams for each match from the queue tables to the game field to help keep matches on schedule.
- Ensure robots are in order according to the Match List report and aligned with the correct game field.

Skills Needed:

- Be a total boss
- Comfortable using walkie-talkie
- Communicate effectively
- Pay attention to detail
- Stay organized in fast-paced environment

Robot Inspector

Robot Inspector Volunteer ~7:00am ~ 9:00am (longer if needed) - 6-8 people needed (adults)

Responsibility:

- Conduct inspections to verify the robots comply with the rules and specifications outlined in the official game manual.
- Use the Robot Inspection Checklist to ensure compliance.
- Work with teams having difficulties to help them pass inspection.
- Perform re-inspections of teams who have modified their robots.

Skills Needed:

- No experience needed training the day of event
- Effective decision maker
- Confident and projects authority
- Ability to use a checklist
- Strong communication and diplomacy skills
- Ability to collaborate with others as a team
- Attention to detail

Scorekeeper Referee

Scorekeeper Referee ~8:30am ~ 3:30am -- about 6 people needed, can be broken into smaller shifts (adults)

Responsibility:

- Record scores using TM Mobile app on tablet provided by event organizers
- Verify recorded scores with other Scorekeeping Referees and/or the Head Referee as needed, and with the student drivers after each match.
- Discuss possible rule violations with the Head Referee after the match.
- Ensure field is reset and robots are ready for the next match.

Skills Needed:

- Experienced volunteers are preferred; however Scorekeeper Referees can be new volunteers and trained quickly
- Apply knowledge of the game and rules
- Pay attention to detail and be impartial
- Work effectively as a member of a team
- Interact positively with students

Key Volunteer Roles (Special Training Needed)

These roles are typically filled by trained volunteers from other schools that help with multiple events:

Judge Advisor

Must complete the RECF Judge Advisor Training & Certification.

Head Referee

Must complete the <u>RECF Head Referee Training & Certification</u>.

Announcer/Emcee

Tournament Manager/Head table

More information at Volunteer Resources | REC Foundation