



## Event Partner and Volunteer Training Call Schedule 2016-17

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This year we are hosting live calls for Event Partners, League Play, and Referees (see schedule below). For Judges, Inspectors, and Volunteer Coordinators, we are posting recorded training presentations for you to view (see links below).

These calls are being held to cover key points and answer any outstanding questions that attendees may have. If you have any questions about these calls, please email [support@robotevents.com](mailto:support@robotevents.com).

<b>VRC EP CALL</b>		<b>Facilitator(s): Kelly Ryan &amp; Mike Martus</b>
This call will provide both novice and experienced EPs with vital information about hosting a successful VRC or VEX U event. The call will start with a brief introduction and will be followed by a question and answer period. All attendees are asked to read the documents posted on the Event Partner Resources & Documents page listed below.		
Thursday, September 29	8:00 PM Eastern	<b>Prior to the call:</b> Visit the <a href="#">Event Partner Resources &amp; Documents page here</a> and click on the <i>VEX Robotics Competition</i> tab. Review all posted materials for each related topic. Pay close attention to the “Event Planning” button.
Thursday, October 13	9:00 PM Eastern	
Tuesday, November 15	9:00 PM Eastern	
Tuesday, December 13	8:00 PM Eastern	

<b>VEX IQ EP CALL</b>		<b>Facilitator(s): Willem Scholten &amp; LeRoy Nelson</b>
This call will provide both novice and experienced EPs with vital information about hosting a successful VEX IQ Challenge event. The call will start with a brief introduction and will be followed by a question and answer period. All attendees are asked to read the documents posted on the Event Partner Resources & Documents page listed below.		
Wednesday, September 28	9:00 PM Eastern	<b>Prior to the call:</b> Visit the <a href="#">Event Partner Resources &amp; Documents page here</a> and click on the <i>VEX IQ Challenge</i> tab. Review all posted materials for each related topic. Pay close attention to the “Event Planning” button.
Wednesday, October 12	9:00 PM Eastern	
Tuesday, November 22	9:00 PM Eastern	
Wednesday, December 14	9:00 PM Eastern	

<b>VRC REFEREE CALL</b>		<b>Facilitator(s):</b> Karthik Kanagasabapathy & Jim Crane
<p>Refereeing a VRC competition is different from traditional sporting events in that Referees actually help the competitors avoid breaking the rules. This training call will explain the key roles and required skills of a VEX referee, as well as answer any questions regarding the rules. This call is intended for Head Referees and Referees. All attendees are asked to read the <a href="#">Official Starstruck Game Manual</a> and <a href="#">Referee Guide</a> and review the documents posted on the link below.</p>		
Wednesday, September 28	8:00 PM Eastern	<p><b>Prior to the call:</b> Visit the <a href="#">Volunteer Resources page here</a> and click on the <i>VEX Robotics Competition</i> tab. Click on <b>Referee/Scorekeeper</b> and review all guides and posted materials for this role.</p>
Thursday, October 20	8:00 PM Eastern	
Wednesday, November 23	8:00 PM Eastern	
Wednesday, December 14	8:00 PM Eastern	
Wednesday, January 25	8:00 PM Eastern	

<b>VEX IQ REFEREE CALL</b>		<b>Facilitator(s):</b> Willem Scholten & LeRoy Nelson
<p>Refereeing a VEX IQ competition is different from traditional sporting events in that referees actually help the competitors avoid breaking the rules. This training call will explain the key roles of a VEX referee, required skills, and answer any questions regarding the rules. This call is intended for Head Referees and Referees. All attendees are asked to read the <a href="#">Official Crossover Game Manual</a> and <a href="#">Referee Guide</a> and review the documents posted on the link below.</p>		
Tuesday, October 4	8:00 PM Eastern	<p><b>Prior to the call:</b> Visit the <a href="#">Volunteer Resources page here</a> and click on the <i>VEX IQ Challenge</i> tab. Click on <b>Referee/Scorekeeper</b> and review all guides and posted materials for this role.</p>
Thursday, October 13	9:00 PM Eastern	
Friday, November 11	9:00 PM Eastern	
Thursday, December 15	9:00 PM Eastern	
Tuesday, January 31	9:00 PM Eastern	

<b>LEAGUE PLAY CALL</b>		<b>Facilitator:</b> Mike Martus & LeRoy Nelson
<p>League play is quickly becoming a common VRC and VEX IQ competition model, and this call will provide league play EPs with tips and tricks to be successful. The call will start with a brief introduction and will be followed by a question and answer period. This call is intended for league play EPs and their VEX TM Operators. All attendees are asked to read the documents posted on the Event Partner Resources &amp; Documents page listed below.</p>		
Thursday, October 13	10:00 PM Eastern	<p><b>Prior to the call:</b> Visit the <a href="#">Event Partner Resources &amp; Documents page</a>. On the appropriate program tab (VEX IQ Challenge, VRC, VEX U) select <i>League Play</i> and review all posted materials.</p>
Tuesday, November 15	10:00 PM Eastern	
Wednesday, January 11	10:00 PM Eastern	

## VRC AND VEX IQ JUDGE – TRAINING PRESENTATION

Judging a VEX competition can be a rewarding experience when proper planning and preparations have been made. This presentation will cover preparing for a day of VEX competition judging. Topics include meeting and interviewing teams, the deliberation process, and dealing with common challenges. This call is intended for Judge Advisors and Judges. **In order to get the most out of this presentation, read the *Judge Guide* prior to viewing.**

Visit the [Volunteer Resources page here](#) and click on the appropriate tab for your program (VEX IQ, VRC, VEX U). Click on **Judge** to reveal all posted materials for this role. The *Judge Guide* and this Training PowerPoint presentation with narration is located here.

**After viewing**, contact Tarek with questions on VRC and VEX U:

[tarek\\_shraibati@roboticseducation.org](mailto:tarek_shraibati@roboticseducation.org).

For questions about VEX IQ, contact LeRoy at:

[leroy\\_nelson@roboticseducation.org](mailto:leroy_nelson@roboticseducation.org)

## VRC INSPECTION – TRAINING PRESENTATION

The VRC inspection process is intended to ensure that all robots meet the competition safety and assembly guidelines. This presentation walks through the major points of the inspection process, and covers current and relevant topics from the VEX forum. This call is intended for Head Inspectors, Head Referees, and Inspectors for VRC and VEX U. **In order to get the most out of this presentation, read the *Inspection Guide* prior to viewing.**

Visit the [Volunteer Resources page here](#) and click on the *VEX Robotics Competition* tab. Click on **Inspector** to reveal all posted materials for this role. The *Inspection Guide* and this Training PowerPoint presentation with narration is located here.

**After viewing**, contact Dylon or Kelly with questions:

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[kelly\\_ryan@roboticseducation.org](mailto:kelly_ryan@roboticseducation.org)

## VEX IQ INSPECTION – TRAINING PRESENTATION

The VEX IQ inspection process is intended to ensure that all robots meet the competition safety and assembly guidelines. This presentation walks through the major points of the inspection process, and covers current and relevant topics from the VEX forum. This call is intended for Head Inspectors, Head Referees, and Inspectors for the VEX IQ Challenge. **In order to get the most out of this presentation, read the *Inspector's Guide* prior to viewing.**

Visit the [Volunteer Resources page here](#) and click on the *VEX IQ Challenge* tab. Click on **Inspector** to reveal all posted materials for this role. The *Inspector's Guide* and this Training PowerPoint presentation with narration is located here.

**After viewing**, contact Willem with questions at [willem\\_scholten@roboticseducation.org](mailto:willem_scholten@roboticseducation.org).

## VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – TRAINING PRESENTATION

Volunteers are key resources for every event, and each event should have a designated Volunteer Coordinator. This presentation will help Volunteer Coordinators develop a plan to recruit, assign, train and retain volunteers for VEX IQ, VRC, and VEX U events; and also includes best practices shared at the REC Foundation Event Partner Summit. **In order to get the most out of this presentation, read the *Volunteer Planning and Staffing Guide* prior to viewing.**

Visit the [Event Partner Resources & Documents page here](#) and click on the appropriate tab for your program (VEX IQ, VRC, VEX U). Click on *Judge/Volunteer Resources* to reveal all posted materials for this role. The *Volunteer Planning and Staffing Guide* and this Training PowerPoint presentation with narration is located here.

**After viewing**, contact Janice with questions at [janice\\_miller@roboticseducation.org](mailto:janice_miller@roboticseducation.org)

**NOTE:** If you would like a chronological schedule of all Event Partner and Volunteer Training Calls, please see below:

Date	Time (Eastern)	Topic	Facilitators
Sept 28	9 PM	VEX IQ EP Call	Willem & LeRoy
Sept 29	8 PM	VRC EP Call	Kelly & Mike
Oct 4	8 PM	VEX IQ Referee Call	Willem & LeRoy
Oct 12	9 PM	VEX IQ EP Call	Willem & LeRoy
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Jan 11, 2017	10 PM	League Play Call	Mike & LeRoy
Jan 25, 2017	8 PM	VRC Referee Call	Karthik & Jim
Jan 31, 2017	9 PM	VEX IQ Referee Call	Willem & LeRoy