



Judge Volunteer Role

Overview

This document provides an overview of the Judge volunteer role, including expectations, skills required, and recommended training. Judge volunteers may evaluate student teams through interviews, review Engineering Notebooks and multi-media presentations, observe on-the-field performance, and even present awards as needed.

Responsibility

Judges can play many roles depending on the assignment:

- Review Engineering Notebooks
- Judge presentations (online or in person)
- Observe teams on the competition floor
- Walk around to interview teams in the pit areas (most Judges).
- Present awards as needed (the Event Partner will decide who presents awards).

Training & Preparation

- Get familiar with the tournament format. It is helpful to attend a local event prior to volunteering, though not required.
- Review the Game Manual and current game information for your assigned competition. The Official Game Manuals can be found online:
 - **VRC/VEX U:** The **Official VRC Game Manual** found at the bottom of the [VEX Robotics Competition](#) page.
 - **VEX IQ Challenge:** The **Official VEX IQ Challenge Game Manual** found at the bottom of the [VEX IQ Challenge](#) page.
- Review the **Judge Guide, Awards Appendix, Award Rubrics**, and all online training materials, which may include documents, score sheets, examples, and training videos. On the [Volunteer Resources](#) page select the appropriate tab for your program (**VEX IQ Challenge, VEX Robotics Competition, or VEX U**) and click on **Judge** to reveal available training resources.

On Event Day

Dress Code: Wear comfortable team-neutral clothing appropriate for a school related event, closed toe shoes, and a Judge or volunteer shirt (if provided).

Arrival: Judge training begins early! Check with your Event Partner or Volunteer Coordinator for reporting time. Sign in at Volunteer Check-in, then report to the Judge Advisor.

Review: On-site training will be provided by the Judge Advisor. Confirm your reporting time in advance and plan to arrive early.

Supplies: Clipboard, pen or pencil, award rubrics, paper for note taking.

Judging Process

There are diverse roles within the Judge volunteer position, both technical and non-technical, so the Judge Advisor will assign you where you are best suited and will share the process with you.

Experience Level
BEGINNER 
Skills Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prefer some judging experience, but beginners can be trained quickly and easily• Pay attention to detail and be impartial• Interact positively with students• Communicate effectively
Physical Activity
Mix of Sitting & Walking 