



Practice Field Official Volunteer Role

Overview

This document provides an overview of the Practice Field Official volunteer role, including expectations, skills required, and recommended training. Volunteers oversee the practice fields, and ensure that all teams have access to practice time and proceed in an orderly fashion.

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.

Training & Preparation

- Get familiar with the tournament format. It is helpful to attend a local event prior to volunteering, though not required.
- Review the current game information and videos to become familiar with what teams are practicing:
 - **VRC/VEX U:** Visit the [VEX Robotics Competition](#) page.
 - **VEX IQ Challenge:** Visit the [VEX IQ Challenge](#) page.
- Review 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 **Practice Field Official** 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 volunteer shirt (if provided).
- Arrival:** Practice fields open before matches begin, so arrive early! Sign in at Volunteer Check-in, then report to the Volunteer Coordinator or Event Partner.
- Location:** Report to the practice field area as soon as the venue opens. Practice fields open 1-3 hours before qualification matches begin. Confirm exact times with the Event Partner.
- Review:** A brief, on-site training may be provided. Confirm your reporting time in advance and plan to arrive early.

Practice Field Official Process

Manage practice fields for your assigned program and ensure that all teams have access to practice time. Organize queuing lines if traffic is heavy. Observe teams and make sure practice time is used efficiently and fairly. Communicate with teams to ensure practice proceeds in an orderly fashion, and enforce time limits (some events may provide on-field timers, while others may just use your watch or phone timer).

Experience Level
<p>Beginner</p>
Skills Needed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This role is best served by ages 18 and up. • No experience required. • Monitor students and keep order. • Communicate effectively with authority.
Physical Activity
<p>Mix of Sitting & Standing/Walking</p>