



# Head Referee

Volunteer Role

## Overview

This document provides an overview of the Head Referee volunteer role, including expectations, skills required, and recommended training. Head Referee volunteers observe matches, identify rule violations, and enforce the game manuals for:

- VRC [Change Up game manual](#)
- VEX IQ Challenge [Rise Above game manual](#)

## Responsibility

- Ensure field is properly set up and observes all matches.
- Identify rule violations and caution teams to avoid violations.
- Enforce the game manual linked above as written.
- Answer score or rule questions from Drive Team members.
- Ensure matches are running on schedule.
- Train Scorekeeper Referees as needed.

## Training & Preparation

- Get familiar with how matches are run. It is helpful to attend a local event prior to volunteering, though not required.
- Read the official game manual and pay special attention to **Section 2 – The Game**.
  - VRC [Change Up game manual](#)
  - VEX IQ Challenge [Rise Above game manual](#)
- Complete the [VRC Head Referee Certification](#) (minimum age 20) and/or the [VEX IQ Challenge Certification](#) (minimum age 16) and review additional training materials available on our website. Go to [Volunteer Downloads](#) and select the program in which you are volunteering.

## On Event Day

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

**Arrival:** Sign in at Volunteer Check-in, then report to the competition field area to meet with the Scorekeeper Referees.

**Location:** Report to your assigned field area 30 minutes before practice and qualifying matches begin. Head Referees are positioned near the game fields so that you can clearly see the field and student Drivers, but without obstructing the view of the audience during the match.

**Review:** Practice watching matches online or observing practice matches at the event, if available. Review the Referee Videos the day prior to the event. Ensure you have a copy of the Game Manual (electronic or paper) on the event day.

## Experience Level



## Skills Needed

- Previous referee experience is required
- Apply knowledge of the game and rules
- Lead a team effectively
- Interact positively with students and coaches
- Arbitrate disputes fairly and quickly deescalating arguments

## Physical Activity

