



Referee Job Description

Position Summary

Referees will observe team matches, identify rule violations, and "call" them. They will tabulate the scoring of each game field piece during all matches call rule violations and, if necessary, penalties or disqualifications. Referees will work under the direction of the Head Referee. Their role in the scoring and the communication with the student team drivers and Scorekeepers is very important to the operation of the competition and keeping disagreements to a minimum. A Referee's call on the rules is final and no protests are allowed. The Floor Boss is the final authority to resolve disagreements. Referees will play a critical role in ensuring smooth flow of match play, and maintaining the pace of the event. This role is a physically active role typically positioned on the perimeter of the playing field.

Responsibilities

- Read and understand the Generic Rules and the current Game Rules.
- Maintain awareness of the online Q&A which will clarify rules and potentially reinterpret / change them during the season.
- Observe matches, "call" rule infractions; determine penalties and disqualifications.
- Participate in deliberations with Head Referee and/or Floor Boss regarding disagreements related to penalties, disqualifications and / or scoring.
- Complete and submit a scorecard for each match. Coordinate with the student team driver of the match to have the driver confirm and sign the scorecard. This ensures the game field scoring pieces were properly counted and recorded.
- Participate in deliberations with the Head Referee regarding robot-related issues.
- Monitor/promote safe practices on and around the playing field.

Experience and Skills Needed

- Ability to "take charge"; be assertive, but tactful
- Thorough knowledge of the generic and competition game rules
- Work and interact with volunteers, team members and students, and RM BEST volunteer staff
- High energy; ability to maintain focus during multiple rounds of competition
- Strong communication, diplomacy skills
- Ability to collaborate with others, work as a member of a team
- Attention to detail
- Ability to move about the field
- Strong assessment skills

Time Commitment

Attend Referee training and Practice Day and Game Day events.

Training

- Pre-event training provided by RM BEST Head Referee prior to start of competition season.
- Attend the Head Referee's short training update session prior to the start of matches at Practice Day and Game Day to clarify questions and get updates from the online Q&A information.

Reporting Relationships and Supervision

Direct supervision: Head Referee

On-site guidance: Floor Boss