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2020 General Volunteer Briefing  
Pacific Northwest District  
FIRST Robotics Competition Events

# Briefing Logistics

- A copy of these slides are located at: [www.firstwa.org](http://www.firstwa.org) under the Volunteer tab
- This presentation is a General Briefing for all of the FRC District events in the 2020 season
- Event Specific documents will be posted prior to each individual FRC District event on the event specific webpage.
- A list of FRC District events can be found here: <http://firstwa.org/FRC-Events>

# Overview of Briefing

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- General Logistics
- Volunteer Check-in
- Schedule Overview
- Key Volunteers
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# Pre-event Electronic Paperwork

- You must 'sign' a Consent and Release form once per FRC season
  - To electronically sign this form:
    - Log into your volunteer account at: [www.firstinspires.org](http://www.firstinspires.org)
    - Digitally Sign the form indicating your agreement
    - Volunteer Coordinators cannot give you an official assignment until this is complete
- Complete the Background Screening process at *FIRST*
  - When creating your account for the first time or every 4 years afterwards
  - Continue following the prompts to complete screening
  - Screening is free and paid by *FIRST* – follow the free path to complete
  - It is not necessary to enter your SSN for screening
- Use FIRST's Volunteer Registration system to select events
  - Log into your volunteer account:
    - [www.firstinspires.org](http://www.firstinspires.org)
  - Search for FRC Events in your area
  - Apply for at least one role in the event(s) of your choice

# Bring or Wear the following...

- Comfortable Shoes and Clothes
  - You will be walking a LOT during the day
  - This is a blue jean and T-shirt event
  - No Open Toe shoes or heels. Tennis shoes are good
  - Free T-shirt provided the first day you check in!
- Field Personnel
  - Long pants suggested/Volunteer t-shirt
- A Reusable Water bottle
  - Will be given to volunteers at the Washington events (if you volunteered for FLL or FTC, please bring the water bottle you received at that event.
  - Oregon volunteers are encouraged to bring a reusable water bottle
    - Label with your name
    - This will save money and resources 😊
- Your Belongings will be in an unlocked/open volunteer lounge
  - Please don't bring valuable items that will be left unattended
- Gracious Professionalism
  - Things don't always go as planned
  - Roll with it & be flexible

# Costumes

- Volunteers have the option to wear costumes and props
  - General Theme is space
- *FIRST* Washington will not be providing any costume pieces or props
- Volunteers are **encouraged** to wear costumes in the gaming theme with items you already have or would like to purchase.

# General Logistics

- Seven of the District events will be held in local High Schools in Washington and Oregon
  - The students will be on campus during Fridays at some of the schools
  - Event schedules are adjusted to accommodate our host schools – please follow individual schedules
  - Parking on Friday may be very different than Saturday
  - Please follow the Parking requirements on Friday as we are sharing the venue with students and staff
  - Volunteer Coordinators will email venue specific volunteer information a few days prior to the event
- One of the events will be held in the SunDome in Yakima, WA
- One of the events will be held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, OR
- District Championship is at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA



# Where to find Event Specific Information

Master List of Events:

<http://firstwa.org/FRC-Events>

# Logistics: Food

- If you are volunteering for an entire day, we will provide Breakfast, Lunch and a snack
- We will provide a vegetarian option at each meal. Please indicate in your volunteer account profile if you prefer a vegetarian meal
- If you have not registered as a vegetarian, please reserve the limited vegetarian options until all volunteers have had a chance to select their meal
- If you have other special dietary needs, you may want to bring your own meal/snack
- Concessions will be available at many events

# Logistics: Volunteer Check-in

- If you need assistance finding Volunteer Check-in go to Pit Administration to ask – see your event specific briefing for exact location
- At your first Check-in, you will receive your volunteer badge, event t-shirt, volunteer pin and safety glasses (if needed)
- You **must** check in each day to get Lunch and verify jobs are covered
- Day 1: Check with your Volunteer Coordinator for arrival time
- Day 2 & Day 3: morning check-in starts at 7am and breakfast is available after you check in

# Please Do....

- Wear Safety glasses at all times when in the Pits or Field area. If you have your own Safety Glasses, please bring them. If you do not have any, we have some we can lend you for the duration of the event. Please return safety glasses if you borrow them so that we have them available to volunteers for future events.
- Be gracious and polite when giving directions to students and guests. We are here to encourage them and to have fun!
- Talk to the students. High Fives and Praise go a long way.

# Schedule Overview: Entire Event

- Day 1 Afternoon: Field and Pit Setup
- Day 1 Evening: Robot Inspections\*
- Day 2: Practice Matches, Qualification Matches\*
- Day 3: Qualification Matches in the morning, Elimination Matches in the afternoon, Awards Ceremony after the final matches\*

\*Events are either Thu/Fri/Sat or Fri/Sat/Sun depending on the venue. Schedules are now written with reference to Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3 to avoid confusion and misinformation.

# Key Volunteers Defined

FRC Key Volunteers are positions that are Key to the event; meaning the event could not happen without these roles being filled. Key positions require that the volunteer have previous FIRST experience and/or specialized skills.

Key Volunteers		
Pit Admin Supervisor	Field Supervisor	Volunteer Coordinator
Master of Ceremonies	Scorekeeper	Lead Safety Advisor
FIRST Technical Advisor	Lead Safety Advisor	Judge Advisor
Game Announcer	Lead Team Queuer	Head Referee
Control System Advisor	Technical Director	Lead Robot Inspector

# Key Volunteers

- Key Volunteers will answer many questions that arise at the event
- All Game questions go to the Head Referee
  - If you are not the Head Ref, please defer all game questions to them
- The Field Technical Advisor (FTA) is in charge of making Game Play work on the Field.
  - These volunteers have been trained at *FIRST*
- Robot Technical questions go to the Inspectors
  - They are certified in the Technical requirements for the robot
- The Field Supervisor takes care of the Field
- The Technical Director takes care of all Audio/Visual equipment and live streaming of the event
- Pit Administration
  - General Information for teams and Lost and Found

# Volunteer Role Descriptions

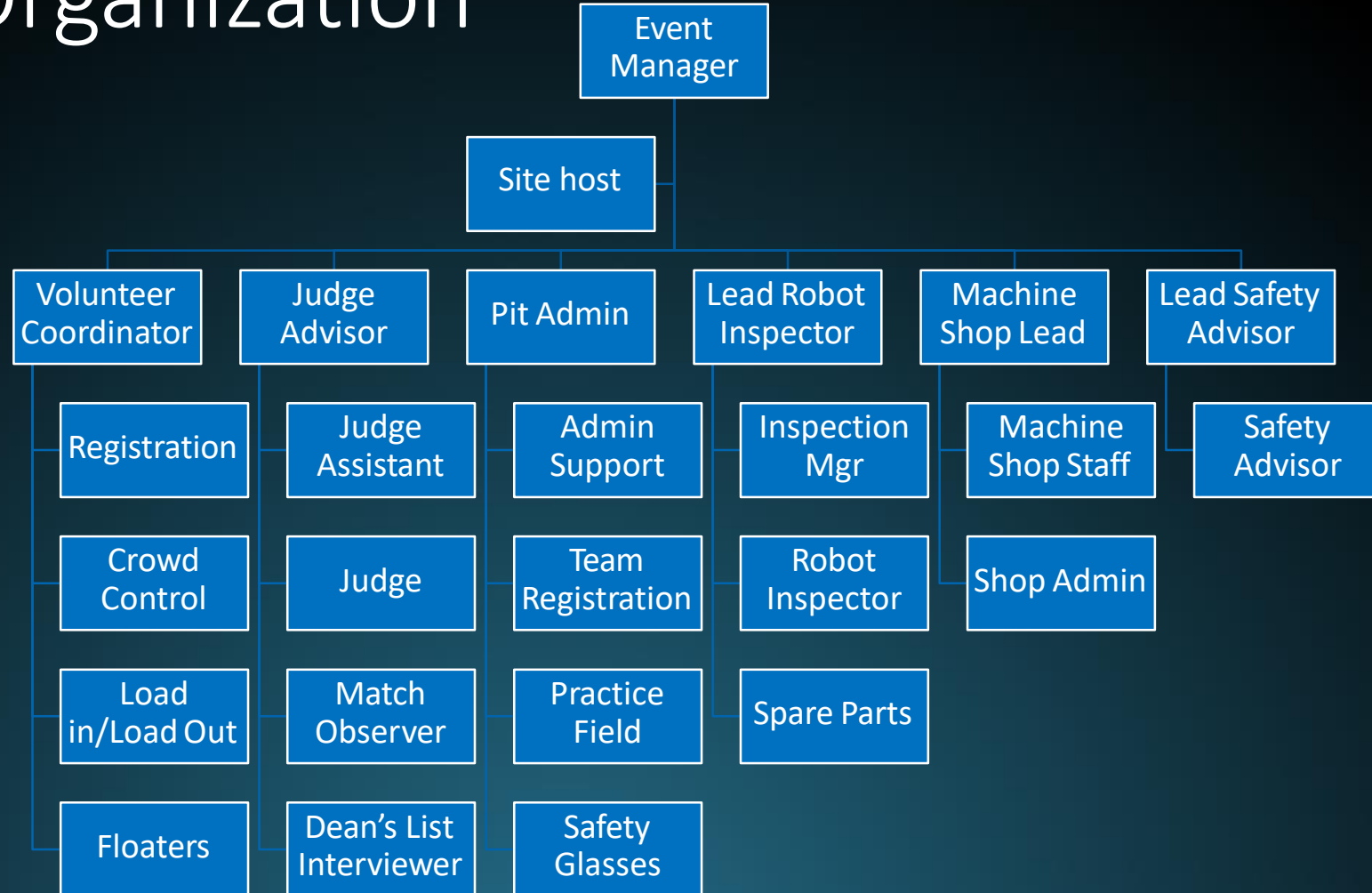
- Descriptions of all FIRST Robotics Competition Volunteer roles can be found here:  
<https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/frc/volunteer-event-roles-and-training-resources>
- If training is provided, it will be available as a link in the description
- If you do not have access to training for your volunteer role, you may contact the Event Volunteer Coordinator for assistance



# Competition Field Organization of Roles



# Pit Area Organization of Roles



# Volunteer Expectations

- Volunteers should smile and exhibit Gracious Professionalism at all times. Gracious Professionalism is a way of doing things that encourages high-quality work, emphasizes the value of others, and respects individuals and the community. With Gracious Professionalism, fierce competition and mutual gain are not separate notions
  - For challenging situations, please contact your Key Volunteer supervisor or the event Volunteer Coordinator for assistance
- Visiting the Field to watch Match Play
  - If your volunteer position does not have direct access to the field, you can arrange a few breaks with your supervisor to go and watch the match play.
  - When watching match play on a break, please use the spectator viewing areas (bleachers)
  - Do not come to the scoring and A/V tables or the Queuing areas to watch the game play (Viewing is actually better in the stands!)

# Spectators

- The event is free and open to the public
  - Please invite friends and coworkers to see the event
- Day 2 in the afternoon or Day 3 are the best days for spectators to observe the event
- Live Stream will be on our website:  
[www.firstwa.org](http://www.firstwa.org)

# Thank you Very Much!

- Together we will have a direct impact on over 4000 students during this FRC season
- We are building tomorrow's STEM workforce through *FIRST* while giving students confidence and skills that will carry forward into their adult life
- These events could not happen without you!

# Contacts

- To Find your event job assignment – Log into your volunteer account at [www.firstinspires.org](http://www.firstinspires.org)
- For specific event questions, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for the event listed on the next slide or email Adrienne Rime at [arime@firstwa.org](mailto:arime@firstwa.org)