



FIRST in Texas is currently recruiting FIRST Tech Challenge volunteers for the TEXAS CUP June 14-17, 2021

FIRST is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, that offers robotic competitions for students in grades K-12. In the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) program, teams of middle and high school students are challenged to design, build, program, and operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge in an alliance format.

For the FTC competition, the Texas Cup will feature 77 FTC teams (a maximum total of 40 volunteers). All meals will be provided for volunteers, which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. Snacks and drinks will also be provided throughout the day,

TEXAS CUP Volunteer Schedule

- Monday, May 24th, 6:00pm-8:00pm – Virtual Volunteer Training
Monday, June 14th, 7:30am-9:00pm
Tuesday, June 15th, 7:30am-9:00pm
Wednesday, June 16th, 7:30am-7:00pm
Thursday, June 17th, 7:30am-8:00pm
Location: Alamodome, 100 Montana Street, San Antonio, Texas 78203

How to Register to Volunteer Sign up

All volunteers register through the online registration system, so we can coordinate and communicate with all event volunteers. FIRST in Texas will conduct a brief background check on all volunteers. All volunteers must complete a FIRST in Texas consent/release form.

Link to FiT Volunteer Registration: thetexascup.net/volunteer/

Due to COVID-19 and for the safety the safety of everyone in the venue, volunteers that register will be asked to volunteer in their position all four days of the event to limit unnecessary exposure.

Contact

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Volunteer Positions Available

Volunteer Roles

- **FTC Head Referee** - The head referees play a critical role in ensuring smooth flow of match play and keeping the pace of the event. Referees work under the direction of the head referee and may be required to take part in deliberations about contested referee calls by teams.
- **FTC Referee** - Referees have two main role distinctions; watching matches to call penalties and tracking the status of the match. Four referees will be assigned to each field. There will be two referees responsible for tracking and calling penalties as they occur during the match. The other two referees tracks the score for either the red or the blue alliance. After completion of the match, the referees will work together to finalize the score and account for any penalties assessed during the match.
- **FTC Scorekeeper** - The lead scorekeeper is the person responsible for making sure that the scoring system is handled and set up correctly and that match scores are entered accurately. They serve as a guide/resource to the scorekeeper who runs the scoring system during the event which provides the teams and audience scores of each match.
- **FTC Field Technical Adviser** - This should be one of the first roles filled for an event. The FTA is a volunteer who concentrates on technical issues (such as the scoring system, robot issues, etc.) and making sure the event runs smoothly from a technical perspective.
- **FTC Judge Adviser (Virtual Only)** - The judge advisor coordinates the judging process, including training judges, scheduling the judging interviews, facilitating group deliberation sessions, ensuring the award decisions are made, and the awards script is written. The judges, judge assistant, and judge match observers look to the judge advisor for training materials, schedules, and other general questions.
- **FTC Judge (Virtual Only)** - Panels of judges are responsible for interviewing teams, visiting teams in the pits to gather more information, and watching matches. Most importantly they are responsible for deliberating on teams as a group to decide which teams deserve which award. The judges report to the judge advisor.
- **FTC Game Announcer** - Work as part of a team with the Master of Ceremonies to energize the teams. Also will assist with Field setup/teardown.
- **FTC Queuer** - Queuers are responsible for managing team traffic to and from the playing field, and staging and positioning teams in preparation for the start of matches. They play a critical role in ensuring smooth flow of match play and keeping the pace of the event.
- **FTC Field Element Cleaning** - Sanitizes all game elements between matches. This involves use of spray disinfectant, wipes and UV lighting.
- **FTC Pit Administration** - This role is necessary to help teams, spectators, or any other visitor to the event with answering questions. Stationed in the pit area, this person fields many questions throughout the day, from where the competition is happening, to timing of the event. This volunteer will collect necessary forms from teams and make important announcements to the teams throughout the day.
- **FTC Practice Field Monitor** - Oversees the practice field, as teams practice throughout the day. Also will assist with Practice Field setup/teardown.

NOTE: All VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ASKED TO PERFORM MULTIPLE ROLES ON MONDAY, JUNE 14 to assist in event set-up as well as robot and field inspections for UIL competition. Inspections will also occur on Wednesday, Jun 15 for the State Championship portion of the event.