Defense Coordinator Position Description

New Volunteer Role - 2016 FIRST Robotics Competition Season

Position Summary

The Defense Coordinator position is responsible for receiving the three outer works defense selections for each match from both the red and blue alliance representatives as per section 5.5.10 of the game manual. Teams must provide defense selections once they are in the Queue and no later than the end of the match two (2) matches prior to their scheduled match, or the computer software will select their defense automatically. During all practice, qualifying and playoff matches a dedicated volunteer (or trained substitute) is required to be at the defense selection position near the field.

Position Overview

- Reports to Field Supervisor
- Will be located at workstation with laptop and printer
- Workstation is fixed throughout the event, but varies event-to-event depending on available space in each venue

Responsibilities

- Receive defense selections from an alliance representative once they are in queue and no later than the end of the match two (2) matches prior to their scheduled match
  - If teams don’t provide defense selections on time, the computer software will automatically pick the defense selections
- Enter the selections into a software system on a provided laptop
- Print out a defense selection sheet which is divided into thirds, on a provided printer
- One third of printed sheet goes to each alliance while the remaining third is collected by the Field Supervisor or their representative

Experience and Skills Needed

- Must be 18 years or older
- Calm yet firm and helpful demeanor to work with the alliance representatives as the deadline approaches for them to provide their defense selections
- Close cooperation with FTA, Field Supervisor, and Scorekeeper
- Work well as a member of a team
- Work and interact with volunteers, team mentors and students, contracted and FIRST staff
- Attention to detail
Time Commitment

- **Commitment**: Event training with Field Supervisor and three days at event
- **Approximate times**:

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**NOTE**: Volunteers should arrive on site 15-20 minutes prior to start of every shift in order to allow time to check in at the Volunteer Registration desk and verify their system is running properly.

**Reporting Relationships and Supervision**

Direct supervision: Field Supervisor

On-site guidance: Volunteer Coordinator