

Senior Head Referee

The **Senior Head Referee** is a *FIRST* Headquarters level role and acts as an advisor to, and a sounding board for, the Global Head Referees. They are experienced, active, and insightful Head Referees.

The Senior Head Referees work with the Global Head Referees and *FIRST* staff to ensure consistent, accurate, and fair competitions throughout the *FIRST* Tech Challenge season by supporting the Referee and Head Referee community. Senior Head Referees assist in identifying best practices, developing appropriate training material, communicating with Referees and Head Referees, and providing input into rule and process changes as needed to facilitate the season's gameplay. Travel to events outside the Senior Head Referee's Region may be requested by *FIRST* (If applicable, travel expenses are covered).

Limitations:

- Up to 4 Senior Head Referees per season
- 1-season term for each Senior Head Referee
- Limit of 3 consecutive terms for each Senior Head Referee

Reports to: Global Head Referees and designated *FIRST* staff

FIRST Championship Role Details:

- This role is not available at Championship.
- Senior Head Referee role/participation will be considered when selecting Referees & Head Referees for Championship.

Minimum Requirements

- Minimum age: 25 years old
 - Exceptions may be granted by *FIRST*.
- Minimum experience: 5 prior years as *FIRST* Tech Challenge Head Referee
 - Exceptions may be granted by *FIRST*.

Role Description and Requirements

- Ability to balance the nature of the position as one of ensuring fair play, while acting as a mentor and role model to both students and volunteers participating in *FIRST* Tech Challenge required
- Thorough knowledge of the competition game and rules of play required, including staying up-to-date with Team Updates and information provided by Global Head Referees
- Assist Global Head Referees and *FIRST* staff in responding to Head Referee queries, game rules feedback, creating guides, and providing training
- Engage & participate in discussion and feedback loops with Global Head Referees and Senior Head Referees
- Participate in Head Referee training calls, Team Q&A, Volunteer Q&A, and Slack

Time Commitment

- Help develop pre-event season training
- Must successfully complete online Head Referee, Referee, and Data Privacy and Protection certifications by the deadline set by *FIRST*
- Sign relevant NDAs, as required
- Must volunteer as a Head Referee in at least 1 *FIRST* Tech Challenge Tournament
- May be asked to travel to *FIRST* Tech Challenge events outside of their Region to help provide training, guidance, and expertise.
- Regular, weekly participation in online Senior Head Referee community during the *FIRST* Tech Challenge Season.