

Hello Referees for the 2024/25 Submerged! FLL season.

If you are interested in refereeing this year, here are some resources to start reviewing. The materials are all available on the FIRST website in their resource library that I have linked to here: <https://www.firstinspires.org/resource-library/fll/challenge/challenge-and-resources>.

First off, please make sure you have created an account on the FIRST Dashboard and registered online for the events that you wish to volunteer for. You will be prompted to complete your annual consent forms and you may be required to complete the Youth Protection Screening. It does take a few days for the screening to be completed, so keep that in mind with respect to the timing of the events.

When you are logged into your FIRST Dashboard, you will also be able to enroll and take several training courses related to the volunteering with FIRST generally:

- Volunteering with FIRST; and,
- FIRST Data Privacy and Protection Training 2024-2025.

And then specifically for refereeing:

- 24-25 FIRST LEGO League Challenge Head Referee Training; and,
- 24-25 FIRST LEGO League Challenge Referee Training.

I encourage you to complete all these courses before your first event. They are all fairly short (15 mins or so) and do not cost anything.

Secondly, in preparation for your event, please download and review both the Submerged! Rule Guide and the in-season Updates sheet. These will give you the basic information about the setup or the models, playing field and scoring for the challenge game this year.

- Rule Book - <https://firstinspires.blob.core.windows.net/fll/challenge/2024-25/fll-challenge-submerged-rgr-eng.pdf>
- Updates - <https://firstinspires.blob.core.windows.net/fll/challenge/2024-25/fll-challenge-updates-and-clarifications.pdf>

There are also 2 videos that are worth checking out to check you ready for the season. The first is the review of the missions and the other is just a general review of getting ready for your event. The latter video is more from the perspective of coaches/teams but if you are new to FLL, it is a good primer.

- Mission Review - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5u-2q_K300
- Getting Ready for your Event - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OTmQigVHNMg>

I will be hosting at least one Referee Meeting for us to get together and discuss the Challenge Game for this year. It will also be a chance to ask and hopefully get answers to any questions that have been coming up for you. Your event coordinator will be reaching out with dates and times for the Referee Meeting(s).

Thanks for volunteering as a referee for the Submerged! season. I'm looking forward to working with you.

Regards,

David
BC Head Referee