

Volunteer Q&A Instructions


Revision History	
Revision	Description
V25-26.1	Initial 2025-26 Season Release

The Volunteer Q&A is a place where volunteers can ask questions and receive official feedback about their volunteer role. The following roles are able to access the Volunteer Q&A:

- Head Referee
- Inspectors
 - Lead Robot Inspector
 - Robot Inspector
- Judge Advisor

Accessing the Q&A

1. Apply for the volunteer role through www.firstinspires.org
 - a. For volunteer application steps, please see the [Volunteer Registration User Guide](#)
2. Once you have completed your application, click the link to the Q&A: <https://volunteer-ga.firstinspires.org>
3. You will need to re-enter your same username and password used for your www.firstinspires.org dashboard.
4. Once logged in, you will see the *FIRST* Volunteer Q&A Dashboard. Any of the roles you have applied to will show here:

 **FIRST**

Hello, Volunteer

FIRST Volunteer Q&A

Welcome to the Volunteer Q&A. This system allows you to post questions about your volunteer roles throughout the season. You gain access to a Volunteer Board when you have been assigned to the relevant volunteer role at an event. Note: some boards require you to complete the relevant training before you can access the board.

INTO THE DEEP

- [Head Referee Board](#)
- [Inspector Board](#)

Asking Questions

1. Click on the board for the role you'd like to submit a question.

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2. Click "My Questions".

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Head Referee Board
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3. Here you will be able to see your previously asked questions. Questions that have not been answered will be listed under "Unanswered Questions", and questions that have been answered will be listed under "Answered Questions".

To ask a new question, click "Draft New Question".

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Answered Questions

Unanswered Questions

4. Type in the question title. Try to be as specific as possible!

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Submit New Question
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Question Title

5. When writing out your question, try to reference relevant rules, defined terms, sections in the Competition Manual, or Team Q&A, if applicable. You can also reference other questions in the volunteer Q&A if further clarification to a previously answered question is needed.

References to various other resources are automatically detected. To utilize them, do the following:

1. **Rules:** Type as they appear in the Competition Manual: **G101** or **R101**. For sub-lists use a . between the rule and list item: **G301.B**
2. **Defined Terms:** Type as they appear in the Competition Manual: **ROBOT** or **YELLOW CARD**.
3. **Competition Manual Sections:** Type **Section #.#.#** or **G#.#.#**, with the number of subsections up to 3.
4. **Team QA:** Type **QA#** or **Q#**.
5. **Other Questions on this Board:** Type **#n** where **n** is the question number.
6. **Questions on other Volunteer Boards:** Avoid unless necessary. Use the block quote inside the editor, as others may not have access to the original content.

The "Preview" button will show your content with the references rendered.

This feature and the HTML Competition Manual are still works-in-progress. Not all references may work yet.

Show Examples

6. Type your question.

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I would like further clarification on rule G423. In Section 11.4.5 PINNING.....

Discard Changes

Preview

Save Draft

Submit

7. You can then click "Preview" which in this example shows the rule hyperlinked in the question. Preview will also display any linked items. Glossary terms will not link, however once hovered over, the definition of the defined term will appear.

I would like further clarification on rule [G423](#). In [Section 11.4.5 - Opponent Interaction](#) PINNING.....

Discard Changes

Edit

Save Draft

Submit

8. If any edits need to be made, click the edit button.
9. Once you are happy with your question and the formatting, click "Submit".