## Becoming an Event Partner

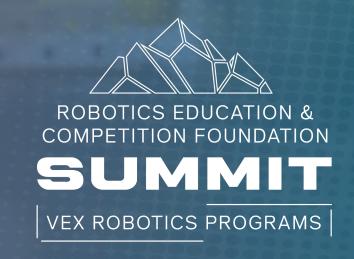
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#### Introduction

## Mission & Vision



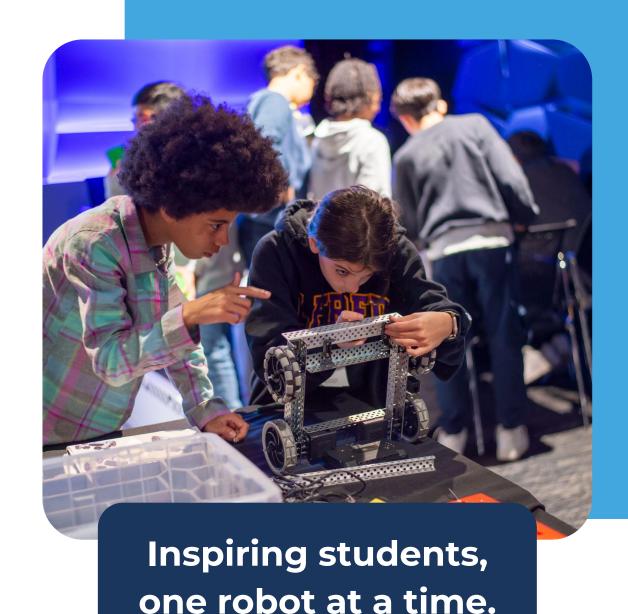
### **Mission**

The Robotics Education & Competition Foundation's global mission is to provide every educator with competition, education, and workforce readiness programs to increase student engagement in science, technology, engineering, math, and computer science.



### Vision

We see a future where every student designs and innovates as part of a team, overcomes failure, perseveres, and emerges confident in their ability to meet global challenges.



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## What/Who is an Event Partner

An Event Partner (EP) acts as the coordinator of a planning team that organizes VEX IQ Robotics Competition (VIQRC), VEX V5 Robotics Competition (V5RC), VEX U Robotics Competition (VURC), or VEX AI Robotics Competition (VAIRC) tournaments, leagues, scrimmages, and/or workshops. The EP is the leader who acts as the liaison between the REC Foundation and the planning team that runs an event.





## **Event Partner Responsibilities**

- Select the venue and date for the event
- Develop a budget
- Source equipment
- Recruit volunteers
- Ensure volunteers meet listed requirements
- Communicate the details of the event and any event related updates with teams

## RECF and RSM Support

### **REC Foundation Regional Support Manager (RSM) Responsibilities:**

- Provide training and event planning resources
- Provide the documentation necessary to run events
  - This includes Game Manuals, Referee Guide, Guide to Judging, EP Guide, Qualifying Criteria, and more. These documents and more are searchable in the REC Foundation Library.
- Communicate the process for becoming an EP and authorizing Admin access in your RobotEvents.com account
- Review and approve events posted on RobotEvents.com
- Communicate the Qualifying Criteria for events and how this process applies to your event
- Provide regular check-ins prior to the event to ensure readiness, and follow-ups after the event to verify uploaded results and acquire feedback
- Provide in-person event day support (RSM or RSS) as needed. If in-person support is not available, your RSM will be available by phone
- Assistance with event management on RobotEvents.com prior to and following the event day

## **Pros and Cons of Being an Event Partner**

#### Pros

- Running an event can be rewarding
- An event can be a great fundraiser when done right
- As an Event Partner, you are helping grow/continue the VEX Robotics Program
- You get to crown some champions
- Event Partners are highly respected within their community for all the amazing work that they do
- Event partners provide local community members with a great service opportunity
- Event partners get to meet and connect with local companies
- Finally, you can claim to have hosted an amazing event



- Need to pass a certification course with exam
- First time can be overwhelming if not well prepared
- Upfront cost can be high, but the investment is worth it
- Some coaches and parents can be a hassle
- Finding Volunteers can sometimes be hard
- Set up and take down can take a long time if short on volunteers
- Technical difficulties can sometimes be hard (experience helps a lot)





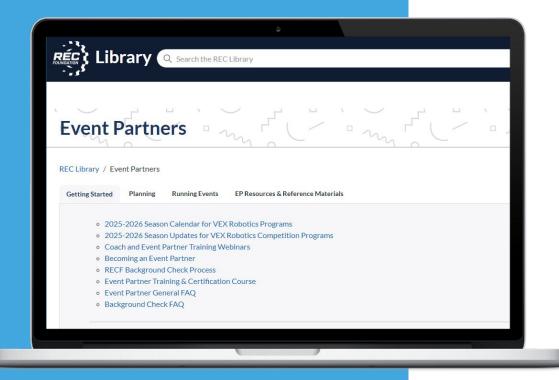
## **Volunteer Training and Certifications**

- Smaller "core" certifications, with various "add-ons" similar to teaching endorsements.
- Once you complete a course, it will be applied across all certification programs.
- Badges are earned for each course, and Certificates are available once a Certification Program is complete!

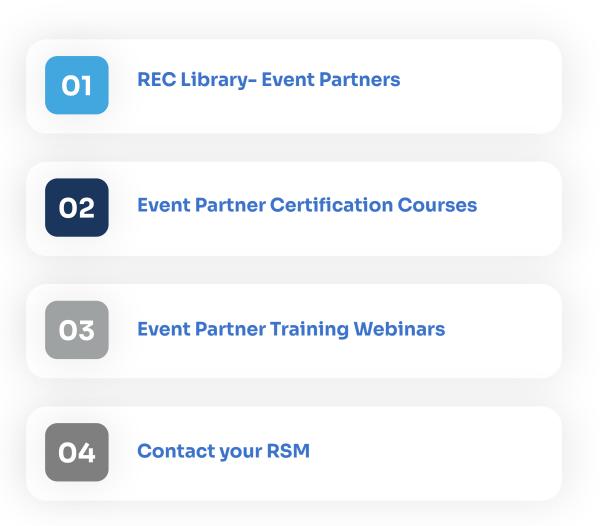
WEBSITE training.recf.org

**MOODLE WORKPLACE APP** 

Google Play Store for Android / App Store for IOS



## Resources for Event Partners and Potential Event Partners



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# Questions and/or Comments

Events Partners please share your best advice Future EP's any concerns

## Contact

## We are here for you

Coaches and Event Partners are the core of our competition program here at the REC Foundation. Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns. Thank you for all of your support.

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