Guidelines for Off-Season Events Occurring After April 19th, 2022

FIRST® is a global robotics community that prepares young people for the future.
Off-Season Events

The Basics:
- Events occurring on or after April 19th, 2022 will be considered “Off-Season” and will be available to Event Organizers in the FIRST Tech Challenge Scoring System.
- These events will not be officially supported by FIRST.

The details:
- Volunteers will not have access to screening or training.
- Event Organizers will not have event level access to VMS screening, training, or placement of volunteers in roles for off-season events.

Teams

The Basics:
- Teams that are eligible for the FIRST Tech Challenge 2021-2022 season can participate in events after the new season begins on May 19.
- Teams that register for FIRST Tech Challenge after May 19 are not eligible to participate in events until the FIRST Tech Challenge 2022-2023 season begins.

The details:
- The FIRST Tech Challenge Scoring System pulls eligible 2021-2022 season teams through a FIRST Database data call via API. The data from these calls resides in the Scoring System cloud.
- Once team data is updated to the cloud for the 2021-2022 season by the rollover date, the team eligibility status can no longer be updated
  o Event organizers pull the eligible teams for their region from the scoring system.
  o Event organizers can add individual eligible teams from regions outside of their own.

Volunteers

The Basics:
- Volunteers who register for your event will show up in the FIRST Tech Challenge Scoring System if they are added and screened through VMS before the May rollover date.

The details:
- A subset of volunteers will require screening, based on the date of their screening expiration (this is normal and happens every season).
- The scoring system pulls this information from the FIRST database via an API.
- Volunteers must apply for their event roles before May 19.
**Program Delivery Partners/ Event Organizers**

**The Basics:**
- Teams registered by May 19 will populate correctly.
- Volunteers registered by May 19 will populate correctly.
- Off-season events can be requested via [Off-Season Event Notice](#).
- Events added during the off-season will appear on the FTC Scoring system but will not be added to the *FIRST* event database.
- Event results will populate to [FTC Event Web : Home (firstinspires.org)](#).
- Last Official Event Date – April 19th
- Last Off-Season Event Date – **August 31, 2022**.

**The details:**
- Events added to the *FIRST* Database must follow all *FIRST* Tech Challenge Event Guidelines.
- Off-Season events will not be added to the database, only the FTC Scoring System.
- The scoring system will not be modified to accommodate event variances. There is a specific off-season release of FTC Live.

**Event Support**

*FIRST* Tech Challenge staff will not be available to provide support during off-season events.