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

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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
 - Event organizers pull the eligible teams for their region from the scoring system.
 - 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 \(firstinspires.org\)](https://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.