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Judging Process

Main Issues

- World Championship Qualifying Events
 typically have higher quality robots and
 Engineering Notebooks than qualifying events
- World Championship Qualifying Events can be much larger than the average qualifying event
- Getting enough qualified judges can be a challenge



JUDGING PROCESS

Do's and Don'ts



Do:

- Find judges not affiliated with teams
 from a variety of backgrounds and sources
 (recommend 2 judges for every 8-10 teams)
- Recruit an experienced Judge Advisor
- Recruit judges from past events that are experienced, to compliment new judges who can offer a fresh perspective



Don't:

- Have coaches of teams or parents of students at the event as judges
- Recruit judges from a single source - leads to bias (conscious or not) and blind spots
- Have all new judges they will not have time to comfortably learn the process

Consider:

- Judging format notebooks could be submitted and evaluated ahead of the event.
- Asking other EPs in the region to share volunteers/ask their volunteers to help with event.
- VURC team members and college faculty make excellent judges and referees.



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Discussion

- Best practices for securing judges for your ERC event
- Best practices for judging notebooks
 - Digital vs. physical
 - Time restraints
 - Notebook only judges
- Best practices for team interviews
 - Similar questions between judging teams
 - Time restraints on the interview.
 - 10 minutes?
 - Do you respectfully cut a team off?
 - Allow enough time to be able to reinterview top teams
- Best practices for using resources
 - Judging Resource: Rubrics
 - Judging Resource: Judging Single-Page Reference Sheet
 - Judging Resource: Initial Award Candidate Ranking Sheet



Thank You

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