



# NEWS RELEASE

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## BCPS seeks volunteers for upcoming robotics events

*Volunteers needed to serve as judges, referees, scorekeepers, and more*

Towson, MD – Baltimore County Public Schools seeks volunteers to serve in key roles during upcoming robotics tournaments.

The Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Foundation and [VEX](#) have partnered to provide free, [online training, testing, and certification](#) for those interested in serving as volunteers.

“This will be our first full year of hands-on robotics events since the onset of the pandemic,” said Dr. Michael E. Grubbs, BCPS coordinator of career and technical education. “In addition to judges and referees, we need volunteers for other key roles, too. Experience and/or a technical background are helpful but not required. Most of all, good volunteers listen, collaborate, and give their time to students who are eager to show their knowledge and demonstrate their creative robot designs on the playing field and during the interview process.”

Those interested in volunteering at any of the following events are asked to contact the event organizers.

### **BCPS CTE VEX IQ Fall Slapshot State Qualifier Skills Event (VEX IQ, Grades 4-8)**

Parkville Middle School, 8711 Avondale Rd., Parkville 21234

*Referees and scorekeepers needed*

Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Robin Bowden, [rbowden@bcps.org](mailto:rbowden@bcps.org)

### **Dulaney Royal Rumble State Qualifier Tournament (VEX VRC, Grades 8-12)**

Dulaney High School, 255 Padonia Rd., Timonium 21093

*Judges and referees needed*

Saturday, November 12, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Patrick Dougherty, [pdougherty4@bcps.org](mailto:pdougherty4@bcps.org)

**VEX IQ State Qualifier Tournament** (VEX IQ, Grades 4-8)

Hereford Middle School, 712 Corbett Rd., Monkton 21111

*Judges and referees needed*

Saturday, November 19, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Chris Putnam, [cputnam@bcps.org](mailto:cputnam@bcps.org)

**10th Annual Hereford Zone Robotics Spin Up Stampede! State Qualifier Tournament** (VEX VRC, Grades 8-12)

Hereford Middle School, 712 Corbett Rd., Monkton 21111

*Judges and referees needed*

Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Chris Putnam, [cputnam@bcps.org](mailto:cputnam@bcps.org)

**BCPS CTE VEX VRC Winter Spin Up Tournament** (VEX VRC, Grades 8-12)

Parkville Middle School, 8711 Avondale Rd., Parkville 21234

*Judges and referees needed*

Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Robin Bowden, [rbowden@bcps.org](mailto:rbowden@bcps.org)

**Maryland State Championship Tournament** (VEX VRC, Grades 6-8)

Hereford Middle School, 712 Corbett Rd., Monkton 21111

*Judges and referees needed*

Saturday, February 18, 2023, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Contact: Chris Putnam, [cputnam@bcps.org](mailto:cputnam@bcps.org)

**Maryland State Championship Tournament** (VEX VRC, Grades 9-12)

Dundalk High School, 1901 Delvale Ave., Dundalk 21222

Friday, March 3 – Saturday, March 4, 2023

Contact information not yet available

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