FIRST® Team Roles

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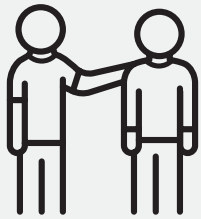
ROLE NAME	BRIEF ROLE DESCRIPTION	*FIRST*® DASHBOARD	YOUTH PROTECTION PROGRAM (YPP) (Screening, training, local requirements)	MENTOR READY (Data Privacy & Role of a Mentor)
Lead Coach 1 **Lead Coach 2** 	Adult volunteers that lead the day-to-day activities of the team. Has the authority to make leadership decisions for the team and are the primary contacts for the team. Each team must have two adults in this role. One is recommended to be at least 25 years old. Leads can create new teams, manage team contacts, edit team information, make registration payments, register team participants, and view youth information. (*Note: Lead Coach 2 cannot invite Lead Coach 1 or Team Administrator.)* *All Coaches are mentors, but not all mentors are coaches – coaches have authority regarding team decisions and responsibilities.*	✔	✔	✔ Effective 2026-2027
Mentors 	Individuals (18+) with technical or non-technical knowledge that teach and assist a team. Help provide valuable support and serve as a resource in their area of specialty. Regular relationship with the team but may not attend every meeting or event. This role is assigned on the *FIRST* Dashboard. It does not have administrative permissions.	✔	✔ Effective 2026-2027	✔ Effective 2026-2027
Youth Mentors 	An individual, who could be a veteran team member, serving as youth mentor to a team with younger participants. These individuals are between the ages of 13-17 years old. If you are a student on a team, you cannot also serve as a Youth Mentor on that same team. The utilization of this role on a team roster is OPTIONAL. This role is assigned on the *FIRST* Dashboard. It does not have administrative permissions.	✔	✖	✔ Youth Version (TBD) Effective 2026-2027
Team Volunteers 	Individuals (18+) who regularly volunteer with and support the team, but they are not a mentor or the coach. The team may be chaperoned and/or supported in another way by this individual. The utilization of this role on a team roster is OPTIONAL. Teams that have additional adult support could roster these individuals as "Team Volunteers" (ex. support logistics) or "mentors" (ex. teach/guide) whichever role is appropriate. This role is assigned on the *FIRST* Dashboard. It does not have administrative permissions.	✔	✔ Effective 2026-2027	✖

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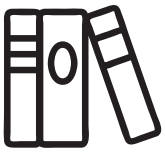
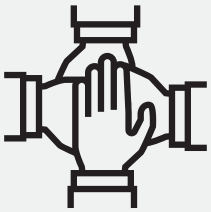
Team Administrator	Individuals (18+) who do not collaborate directly with the team but can create a team, have access to financial information to procure resources for the team, and can add/remove Leads Coach 1/2 (no other rostered roles). *Note: A Lead Coach 1 can do all functions of a Team Administrator role and does not need to also be assigned to this role in addition to being a Lead Coach 1.* The utilization of this role on a team roster is OPTIONAL.	✔	✖	✖
NON-ROSTERED ROLES **Many people support teams.** Here are some examples of other non-rostered roles.				
Subject Matter Experts 	This individual has infrequent or inconsistent interactions with a team. The individual may be a temporary consultant sharing expertise. (ex. An individual indirectly assists a team with something such as fabrication.) The role may be held by different individuals from season to season.	✖	✖	✖
Supporters 	Individuals who indirectly support the team and do not consistently or directly engage with the team. (ex. individuals who are parents or guardians.) *If an individual directly and consistently engages with youth they should be rostered as "Team Volunteers" and take Youth Protection Program training and undergo Youth Protection Program screening.*	✖	✖	✖

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