Congratulations to your team for earning a spot at Live Remote VEX Worlds 2021! Please read this entire document carefully and follow the links provided to make sure your team is prepared for the judging interview at Live Remote VEX Worlds 2021. All dates in this document are calendar year 2021.

General Information

Judging for Live Remote VEX Worlds 2021 will be remote and will follow the Judge Guide and the Judge Guide Addendum (except as otherwise noted), including submission of the team's engineering notebook as a link to a Digital Engineering Notebook. It is important the team coach/mentor and team members read and understand these documents, especially the rules and guidelines for remote judging and preparation of the Digital Engineering Notebooks contained in the Judge Guide Addendum.

All judging interviews:

- Must be requested by the team's Primary Contact using a provided Google Form. The link for the team's Digital Engineering Notebook must also be supplied on this Google Form. The Google Form must be completed within the deadlines below.
- Will be conducted remotely using web conferencing software.
- Will require an adult to be visible with the team at all times. The adult may not participate.
- Will be conducted within a 30 minute assigned time slot.
- Will be evaluated following the Team Interview Rubric in the Judge Guide. Additionally, the team's Digital Engineering Notebook and field performance at the event will be used to make qualitative determinations on judged awards.

The judging interviews will be question/answer format. Teams may not do a presentation in any form including a rehearsed speech, a slide show, presentation of videos or photos, or the like. Teams may have their robot and a printed copy of their engineering notebook available to show judges; this is optional.

All engineering notebooks:

- MUST be submitted as a link to a Digital Engineering Notebook in accordance with the Judge Guide Addendum. The link must be supplied with the same Google Form used to request the judging interview. The Google Form must be submitted within the deadlines below. Will be evaluated following the Engineering Notebook Rubric in the Judge Guide.

IMPORTANT! The team's Primary Contact as registered at robotevents.com will receive emails with important information regarding judging and other aspects of the event. It is important that the team's Primary Contact be the team's coach/mentor or be in direct contact with the coach/mentor. The Primary Contact is responsible for sharing important information to ensure the team's submissions and deadlines are met.

Eligibility & Process for Remote Judging

Judging Interview Eligibility

All teams that qualify for a Live Remote Skills (LRS) event are eligible for a judging interview, provided the Google Form is submitted within the deadlines below.

Digital Engineering Notebook Submission Eligibility

All teams that qualify for LRS are eligible to submit a Digital Engineering Notebook link, provided the Google Form is submitted within the deadlines below.

Judging Interview Notification and Digital Engineering Notebook Submission Process

The team's Primary Contact will receive instructions and a Google Form that MUST be completed to request a judging interview and to submit the link to the team's Digital Engineering Notebook as follows:

- For teams that have qualified prior to March 15, the team's Primary Contact will receive the instructions and Google Form by email the week of March 15.
- For teams that qualify after March 15, the team's Primary Contact will receive the instructions and Google Form by email *with their invitation for* Live Remote VEX Worlds.

Note: Submission of a Digital Engineering Notebook is not required to request a judging interview or to be eligible for most of the judged awards. However, submission of a Digital Engineering Notebook is required to be eligible for the Excellence, Design, and Innovate awards.

For judging interviews and Digital Engineering Notebook submissions:

- The Google Form MUST be complete and accurate and MUST be submitted by the deadlines below for teams to receive a judging interview and for the Digital Engineering Notebook to be considered for judging.
- Judging interviews will be assigned according to the dates below. Consideration will be given to the preferred time blocks submitted with the team's Google Form. Preferred time blocks cannot be assured.

- **Assigned interview times are non-negotiable and non-transferrable. Interviews cannot be rescheduled for any reason.**
- Teams arriving late to their judging interview may lose interview time or forfeit the entire judging interview.

Judged awards offered for LRS events*

Excellence, *Design, *Innovate, Think, Amaze, Build, Create, Sportsmanship, Energy, Judges, Inspire.

* Requires submission of Digital Engineering Notebook link.

Judging Deadlines & Dates

All deadlines and dates are US Central time.

IMPORTANT! Deadlines for submitting the provided Google Form for requesting a judging interview and submitting a Digital Engineering Notebook link are based on the date the team's invitation for Live Remote VEX Worlds was issued, *not* the date the team registers. If you receive an invitation but are unsure whether your team will register for VEX Worlds, you may submit the provided Google Form before your team has registered. If subsequently your team does not register, send an email with your name, email address, program (VRC or VEX IQ Challenge) and your team number/letter with a brief explanation to judging@roboticseducation.org and your interview time will be canceled.

Deadlines for teams to submit the provided Google Form **based on the date the invitation for Live Remote VEX Worlds was issued:**

If your team receives the invitation for Live Remote VEX Worlds:	The Primary Team Contact must submit the provided Google Form:
Prior to March 15	Before Midnight, March 31 (US Central time)
March 15-31	Before Midnight, April 7 (US Central time)
April 1-7	Before Midnight, April 14 (US Central time)
April 8-14	Before Midnight, April 21 (US Central time)
April 15-28	Before Midnight, April 28 (US Central time)

When will judging interviews take place for Live Remote Skills? Provided the Google Form is submitted within the deadlines, judging interviews will be assigned on the dates below between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM in the team's local time zone. Consideration will be given to the preferred time blocks submitted with the team's Google Form. Preferred time blocks cannot be assured. **Assigned interview times are non-negotiable and non-transferrable. Interviews cannot be rescheduled for any reason.**

- Saturday and Sunday, April 10-11
- Tuesday, April 13
- Saturday and Sunday, April 17-18

- Tuesday, April 20
- Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25
- Tuesday, April 27
- Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2

What if you have multiple teams in Live Remote VEX Worlds?

If a Primary Team Contact has multiple teams who receive an invitation, a separate Google Form MUST be completed for EACH team.

How will my team be notified of our interview time and the web conferencing link?

The REC Foundation will send each team that is scheduled for a remote judging interview a confirmation email with the date and time of the interview, as well as the web conferencing link. If the team members are in multiple physical locations for the remote interview, the Primary Contact/Coach must ensure all team members receive the link in a timely manner. Again, the adult Coach or other designated adult must be visibly present for the entire interview.

How will judges conduct the remote interview?

Once the team joins the web conference, the Judge Advisor or REC Foundation staff member will ensure the team's designated adult is present and all other team members have joined the web conference. Once the team is completely joined, the entire team will be assigned to a breakout room, with their designated adult, where the judges will be waiting to interview the team. Once in the breakout room, the judges will provide additional instructions and conduct the interview. All team members and their designated adults must ensure they arrive at the web conference on time and have a viable internet connection.

   The Judging Interviews may not be recorded in any form by any party.

Required Information for the Judging Interview Google Form

The following information will be required to complete the Judging Interview Google Form:

- Primary Team Contact and team information
- Preferred block of time for the team's judging
- **Link to the team's Digital Engineering Notebook** (refer to the [Judge Guide Addendum](#) for guidelines on preparing the team's Digital Engineering Notebook)

Questions?

If you have questions after reading this entire document and all the linked documents, please reach out to your Regional Support Manager for assistance. Coaches may also post judging questions on the [Official Judging Q&A](#).