

## Backup Wrangler Punchlist

***Before the Alliance Selection Ceremony, read through this document and determine if you or another Key Volunteer at your event will be the "Robot Wrangler".***

Immediately preceding the final Alliance pick, the MC will announce that the 24 Team Representatives should meet with the HR on the FIELD immediately and all the unpicked teams should gather in place with the you the "Wrangler".

- You may also choose to designate another key volunteer as the "Wrangler" such as your PDP or AV manager, discuss and determine this prior to alliance selections.
- ***Make sure you work this out with the MC before the ceremony starts!***
  - ***The emcee/announcer should stop before the very last Alliance pick and explain who goes where right after the last pick.***
- *You and your Wrangler need to be in position before this announcement is made!*

There is an official report that the team representative needs to actually initial, which will not be immediately available because FMS is still generating it - the Scorekeeper will bring it to the Wrangler when it is ready (within 5 minutes of the end of Alliance Selection).

- *Work this out with the Scorekeeper ahead of time! They need to know who the Wrangler is so they can get them the report.*

*Be sure to give the attached BACKUP TEAM WRANGLER PUNCHLIST to the BACKUP TEAM WRANGLER so they have plenty of time to read and understand it.*

Sample report from previous years:

Backup Robots Report				
Del Mar Regional presented by Qualcomm				
Team	Qual Rank	Accept	Decline	Notes
115	99			
263	99			
343	99			
469	99			
877	99			
999	99			
1540	99			
1572	99			

## **For Wrangler:**

**Immediately at the conclusion of the ceremony, the Wrangler should gather all of the remaining unselected teams (excluding any that declined during the ceremony) wherever they gathered for the selection process.**

Note that the maximum number of BACKUP ROBOTS will match the number of Alliances in the PLAYOFFS at the event. (Usually 8, possibly fewer at smaller events)

While waiting for the official report form to be brought from the Scorekeeper, the Wrangler will explain to the teams what they are about to do... (see the script on the next page for details).

*In summary: they will be, in order of ranking, initialing the report to indicate acceptance of a backup position, or they will be initialing it to indicate rejection of that position. The process will continue until we either get the maximum number of accepted backups or run out of teams. This set of teams forms the BACKUP POOL of BACKUP TEAMS.*

*Example process for 8 Alliance event:*

- *The remaining teams at a particular event in seeded order are: 9999, 9998, 9997, 9996, 9995, 9994, 9993, 9992, 9991, 9990, 9989, 9988*
- *When each team is asked in seeding order, '98 and '95 decline to be backup teams*
  - *The 8 backups, in order, are therefore: '99, '97, '96, '94, '93, '92, '91, '90*
  - *'89 and '88 can pack up - it is impossible for them to get called up*

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## **Wrangler "script":**

Explain that each of the Team's that have not been selected must indicate whether they Accept or Decline a position as a Backup Robot (unless they declined already during the process). Specifically:

- a. Explain how backup bots work - if one is requested, the highest seeded Team on the backup report, that has "accepted", is assigned to the Alliance. The Alliance cannot pick and choose.
- b. Explain that the top 2 ranked BACKUP TEAMS available need to have a representative (and optionally 1 additional STUDENT or mentor) near the FIELD at all times during the Playoffs. Indicate that location at your venue.
- c. Explain that if a backup bot is requested and the top ranked Team has become unavailable, then the next team in the pool will be assigned.
- d. Explain that a Team should probably not accept a Backup position if they know they are either not functional, or that they are leaving the venue before the end of the Playoffs.
- e. Get each team, in order, to sign the form, Accepting or Declining. Stop once you have reached the maximum number of Accepts needed for your event, or run out of Teams.

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**After completing the process:**

- **bring the initialed report to the Scorekeeper**
- **and inform the Head Referee that the process is complete.**