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The members of the Baltimore Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) have organized this annual event to give students a taste of what it's like to be an engineer.

When:
Written Report Judging: April 19th, On-line
Robot Challenge 2021:
Sunday, April 18, 9 AM - 10AM, Training (online)
Sunday, April 18, 10AM-12, Optional Dress Rehearsal (online)
Sunday, April 25th, 8 AM to 4 PM, Main Event (online)

Abstract:
The Robot Challenge will be held this year on Sunday, April 25 from 8 AM to 4:00 PM. Due to Covid-19 restrictions it will be held on-line, using Zoom. There will be a special on-line training session for judges on Sunday, April 18 at 9 AM to prepare them for the new way the Event will be conducted. We will also need judges for the Written Reports, which will be done on-line, just as we did last year.

We will be needing 75 volunteers to run all aspects of the competition. We hope many members who have joined us in previous years will come again, but we always welcome new volunteers. Event volunteers can choose from a variety of roles such as the following: Written Report Judge, Track Judge, Oral Presentation Judge, Administration, Robot Repairs, Photographer, and Zoom specialist. If you are willing to be flexible we'll assign you to where you are needed the most. Engineers volunteering at previous competitions have commented that the experience has been very rewarding with most wanting to judge in following years' competitions. Student competitors truly learn a lot from their interaction (albeit online this year) with "real" engineers. Once again Neville Jacobs is our chief organizer and Ben Menachery is coordinating our judge volunteers this year. Please e-mail Ben at benaud.menachery@ieee.org, if you would like to participate, or even mentor some of the teams.

We will be holding a dress rehearsal on Sunday, April 18, from 10 AM to 12 PM with just 4 teams participating, so as to iron out any kinks we may encounter. Only a few judges will actually be needed for this, but any judges who might want to participate after the Training Session are certainly welcome to stay and do so.

Please contact Ben with the following information if interested in being a part of this Anniversary 25rd Annual Robot Challenge:

Re: IEEE Robot Challenge 2021 JUDGES
Name, Home/cell Phone, e-mail address
Have you previously been a Judge, or involved in any other capacity? Yes/No
Special assignments? .................................................. As Needed: Yes/No
Preferences or special skills? ..............................................
Available: Sunday 4/25? Yes/No
Training Sunday, 4/18 9 AM? Yes/No
Dress Rehearsal, Sunday, 4/18 10 AM? Yes/No

Veteran Judgers only: Willing to judge Written Reports, Monday, April 19?
Yes/No
Willing to mentor? Yes/No

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