



2018 U.S. OPEN ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIP VRC QUALIFYING CRITERIA

Below are the criteria for registered VRC teams to qualify for participation in the 2018 U.S. Open Robotics Championship, Thursday April 5th – Saturday April 7th, 2018.

United States Qualification Criteria

All official U.S. VEX tournaments held between June 1st, 2017 and March 5th, 2018, are automatically a qualifier for the U.S. Open. Space is limited and will be filled on a first registered and paid basis.

In order to allow the greatest number of schools/organizations to participate across the largest geographic area the following registration limits apply:

- VRC High School Division: 3 team max from any single school or organization
- VRC Middle School Division: 4 team max from any single school or organization

1. U.S. “Official Qualifying” VRC events must meet the following criteria:
 - a. Be listed as a VRC event with online registration hosted on Robotevents.com
 - b. U.S. events held between the dates of June 1st, 2017 and March 5th, 2018.
 - c. Must follow all requirements to be listed as an official qualify event for State/Regional Championships.
2. All U.S. Tournaments (regardless of size) may qualify up to **6 teams**
 - Tournament Champions on the winning alliance (2-3 teams)
 - Excellence Award winner (1 team)
 - Design Award winner
 - Skills Champion

International Qualification Criteria

1. International National Championships will allow international teams to qualify for the U.S. Open. Each international National Championship event will be coded for qualifying teams into the U.S. Open.
2. For countries that do not have a National Championship, or would prefer a different qualification structure, CREATE will work directly with them to establish a mutually agreeable structure.

U.S. and International Registration and Payment Policy

Spots are held for teams for up to 3 weeks from the date of the event at which they qualified. Teams that qualify before February 15th, 2018 will have 3 weeks to register and pay. Teams that qualify from February 16th, 2018 through February 28th, 2018 will have 2 weeks to register and pay. Teams that qualify after February 28th, 2018 will have 1 week.