



**2018 QUALIFYING CRITERIA
for the
CREATE Jr. HEARTLAND REGIONAL
and the
U.S. OPEN ROBOTICS CHAMPIONSHIP – CREATE Jr. DIVISION**

Each year, there are a limited number of spots available for the U.S. Open, for which team must qualify. Beginning in the 2017-2018 season, there will be a new event that will be one of the key ways to the qualify for the U.S. Open. It is called the Heartland Regional, to be held on March 3, 2018. Many qualifiers to the U.S. Open will come from the Heartland Regional. Teams must qualify for the Heartland Regional from regular season Qualifying Tournaments. All CREATE Junior Tournaments leading up to the Heartland Regional are Qualifying Tournaments.

Teams Qualify for the U.S. Open in three ways:

1. At each Qualifying Tournament, The Honor award winner will qualify for the U.S. Open and for the Heartland Regional.
2. At each Qualifying Tournament, the Engineer award winner, Skills award winner (if offered), and the Tournament Champions will qualify for the Heartland Regional.
3. At the Heartland Regional Tournament, Two Honor award winners, Two Engineer award winners, Skills Champion, Skills Finalist, Tournament Champions (4 teams) and Tournament Finalists (4 teams), will qualify for the U.S. Open.

In order to achieve the desired capacity for the U.S. Open, remaining qualifying invitations will be extended, in the following order of priority:

1. First, up to 8 teams with the top skills scores from the Heartland Regional can qualify for the U.S. Open.
2. Second, if there are still spots open the remaining spots will be filled, teams with the highest scores according to the season-long list of high scores from the Qualification Rankings of Qualifying Tournaments, can qualify for the U.S. Open.