

# Future of Worlds

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# **Covered Topics**

**Qualifying Criteria** 

Worlds 2024, 2025

Previous Feedback

**Known Changes** 

**Future Format Considerations** 

# **Highlights**



- Invitational events <u>must have</u> qualification matches
- A Live Remote Skills event is a **Scrimmage**
- All qualifying events <u>must offer</u> Robot Skills Challenge matches

**Highlights** 

Active team counts as of

December 15, 2023 are
taken into consideration for
additional World
Championship spot
allocation in January 2024

A team <u>must have</u> a posted Robot Skills score or have competed in a qualifying event in the current season to be eligible for an Event Region Championship invitation



Online Challenges winners will not be announced until March 15, 2024





## **Highlights**

- Leagues must have a minimum of one (1) week between Ranking Sessions. 2 Ranking Sessions may be run within a week but will count as 1 Ranking Session.
- Top 10 Worlds Skills Standings in MS VRC, HS VRC, and VEX U will receive an invitation to Worlds
   2024
- Previous Worlds winners do not qualify for the next World Championship
- Teams receiving an invitation to the World Championship will have two (2) weeks from receipt of their World Championship invitation to <u>register</u>

## **Highlights**

## Criteria have been added for **Blended vs Split Event Region Championships**

- If both grade levels within a program in an Event Region have more than 1
   World Championship spot allocated to each, the Event Region must hold split
   Event Region Championships (one per grade level).
  - Example 1: Region X has 3 HS VRC spots and 3 MS VRC spots
  - Example 2: Region X has 4 MS VIQRC spots and 7 ES VIQRC spots
  - In examples 1 & 2, each grade level must have its own Event Region Championship.

## **Highlights**

Criteria have been added for **Blended vs Split Event Region Championships** 

- If either grade level or both grade levels within a program in an Event Region have only 1 World Championship spot allocated, the Event Region may choose to either hold a blended Event Region Championship or split Event Region Championships (one per grade level).
  - Example 3: Region X has 3 MS VIQRC spots and 1 ES VIQRC spot
  - Example 4: Region X has 1 HS VRC spot and 1 MS VRC spot
  - In both scenarios, the Event Region may have either a blended or split Event Region Championship(s)



**VEX Worlds Allocation Spots Discussion** 

- Keep it proportional (ex. larger regions get more spots, smaller regions get less spots)
- Redistribute some spots from larger regions to growing/emerging regions to promote growth?
- Cap spots at 16 (VRC) or 18 (VIQRC) to encourage large regions to split?



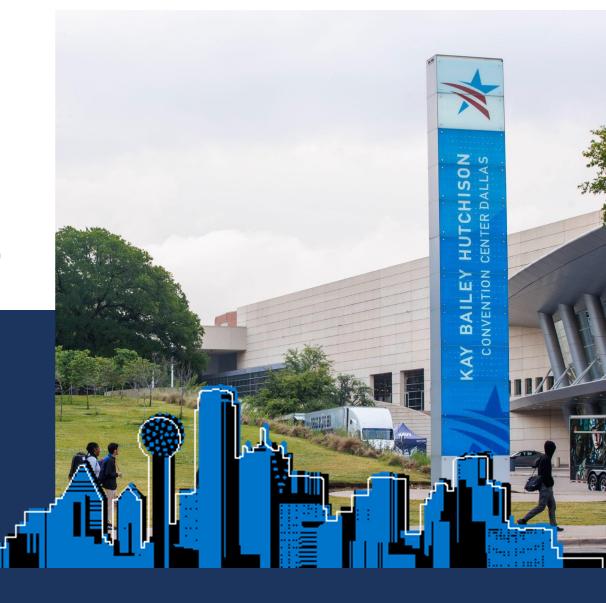






2024, 2025

- Dallas, TX
- No demolition, construction, etc. will take place to KBHCC until after our event in 2025
- Volunteer Recruitment/Management
  - Survey coming in a few weeks from volunteer@recf.org - input is needed!



# **Feedback Received**

#### Received



#### **General Feedback from Community:**

- Is Worlds too big?
- Can the schedule be changed to allow longer cycle times?
- Overlap days are hard on staff, teams, volunteers

#### **VIQRC Specific Feedback from Community:**

- Many IQ Event Regions feel they have too many spots already (including some that are under 18 spots)
- TEMs report many IQ teams declined their invites because their schools wouldn't support "being pulled from the skills list"
- Coaches report it is harder to travel with younger students (more people/parents, costs, etc.)
  - Also district policy starting to limit long distance travel





# **Known Changes**

#### For Worlds 2024

	Teams	Reg. Fee	Days
HS VRC	800	\$1,800	1-3
VEX U	120	\$1,800	4-6
MS VRC	480	\$1,800	4-6
JROTC	160	\$1,800	4-6
MS VIQC	420	\$1,800	7-9
<b>ES VIQC</b>	420	\$1,800	7-9

#### **Problems Being Addressed:**

- Remove overlap days
- Smaller MS/ES VIQRC will ensure all events fill to capacity
- Inspection can be done in the Divisions
- 1 practice and 1 qualification match on day 1
  - Lengthen cycle times by having the flexibility to change the schedule
- Practice Match concept (for Discussion)
  - First come first serve after inspection



## **Future Format**

#### Consideration



#### 2013-2014

First Year of Event Region
Championships

10,040 Teams Worldwide



#### **2022-2023 Last Season**

26,986 Teams Worldwide (VIQRC ES, VIQRC MS, VRC MS, JROTC, VRC HS, VEX U)



Are we reaching the point of another "big" programmatic shift?

# **Future Format**

**Discussion** 

- Don't change anything
- ☐ Make Worlds smaller

Flat reduction in teams

2019

HS VRC (580)

MS VRC (180)

**VEX U (90)** 

MS/ES VIQRC (400/400)



## **Future Format**

#### **Discussion**

## □ Adding another Championship event layer between ERCs and Worlds

#### **Super Regional Model**

Teams qualify to a Super Regional (much like Little League) to then qualify for Worlds

Additional suggestions made to consider VIQRC Super Regional model and no VIQRC World Championship given travel concerns (similar to Drones model)

#### **National Championship Model**

International has this model in place already

Gives the feel of a World Championship or

Signature Event

Becomes the premier event for a country

Additional suggestions made to consider VIQRC

ending at a National Championship

