



2014 EP Summit Question Cards

DAY ONE			
REC/ VEX	CATEGORY	QUESTION	ANSWER
VEX	Fields	Will you please sell the platforms you use at World Championships?	The cost is too high for feasible resale. They're aluminum, custom made, and extremely expensive.
VEX	Shipping	I just spent \$1,200 to ship two Skyrise game element sets to Hawaii. What can you do to bring this cost down for event partners?	The cost of overseas shipping is an unfortunate downside of the game design. Shipping agencies applied "dimensional weight" charges that were unexpected. Shipping in bulk is a far better value. Groups are advised to get together and bundle shipments. Sales@vexrobotics.com for more information about how many sets need to equal a pallet.
VEX	Back orders	How is VEX going to keep up with demand? For example, last year a lot of items were backordered.	VEX orders according to service level. Demand is often difficult to gauge. We are working to rapidly alleviate the backlog.
REC	3D Printers	With the popularity of 3D printers growing, has there been any thought given to allowing 3D printed parts for VRC?	No. Every school would need to have a 3D printer in order to ensure a level playing field.
REC	Training Materials	Do you plan to create a Judge's training video?	Feedback has been good on Referee videos, so we will likely produce more videos.
REC	Tournament Manager	For multi-day events, make it possible for the software to "re-check" in a team. Specifically a visual in Tournament Manager that shows a team has not checked in for the day.	We can add that functionality to the DWAB list of requested changes for evaluation.
REC	Ethics	As VRC grows I am seeing more cheating and other bad behavior at the local, regional, and international level. Suggestion: FIRST program uses "Gracious Professionalism" as a philosophy. Can/should VEX adopt the concept and provide coaches/Event Partners a tool that helps reinforce positive behaviors throughout the program?	Covered in earlier session.
REC	Event Creation	What is the process for creating a new large regional event?	Contact your REC Foundation regional support manager who will direct you in your efforts.
VEX	Resellers	Could you have the resellers introduce themselves and explain what they do?	Worldwide there are 43 VEX resellers. (Introductions ensued)
VEX	Resellers	How do I make sure that VEX and resellers get on the approved	Contact VEX Robotics sales@vexrobotics.com to make sure

		purchase list for our district?	you get on the approved vendor list.
REC	VEX IQ	RE: VEX-IQ-High school league. Would REC be ok with a VEX-IQ-High School League (Un-Official) to be hosted by the region? With no expectation of awards or advances to championship events of course.	Yes.
VEX	Scoring Tablets	When will the scoring tablets used at worlds be available to Event Partners?	It can be made available if your tech is up to the specifications.
REC	EP Summit Host City	Hold the next EP Summit in: Cancun (Mayan Place)	Maybe.
REC	Camps/Works hops	Can an option be created to allow an individual to sign up for workshops/camps. Reason: Credit Card processing for teams and regions with limited payment processing options.	We have yet to develop a Camps section on RobotEvents.com. It is a priority.
VEX	Payments	Can an option be created on RobotEvents.com to limit payment to credit card only so teams will not select pay later and then show up to an event with no payment.	We will fix the "pay later" option so that paying later can happen with a credit card. Some schools have to pay by check because of school rules. The answer is communication in advance (two weeks) with teams that haven't paid. EPs may include a payment deadline in the event description on RobotEvents.com. Teams not paying by the listed deadline can be removed from the event.
REC	WC Qualification Process	Could a "special" regional event be created that would qualify a team for World Championships. This would help promote VEX programs in very specific areas and create more geographic balance in World Championship qualification.	It is possible, but must be worked out with your REC Foundation regional support manager and depends on existing arrangements.
REC	WC Hotel	VEX recommended the Hilton at Anaheim last year. They required an adult in the room. In my school district I am not permitted to share my room with students. Will I have the same problem in the future? If the same rule applies it will affect all schools in the Western Canada region.	We will inquire with our new host city. If you have this problem again, contact your regional support manager.
REC	Number of rounds	Could a feature be added to RobotEvents.com to tell teams the "targeted number of rounds" the event is planning for?	Providing a target number of rounds based on the tournaments maximum capacity can be done using the text boxes in the "General Info" tab. EP's should monitor the need to adjust this number if capacity varies significantly from the target.
VEX	License Plates	Can we get the old license plates back? The current ones look okay for VEX IQ but not for Middle and High School.	The card printers take so long that they delay filling orders.

REC	Time Per Round	What is the equation to calculate Time per Round?	Balance parameters for number of teams, match cycle, and block of time. Number of teams divided by four times cycle time.
REC	Training Materials	Produce a guide for our first season. Tips from seasoned coaches on what to do during the first season. Reference the FLL handbook.	Possibly. Pass along details to your regional support manager.
REC	Rules and Update Changes	Can the REC Foundation send out an email to Event Partners to inform EPs of updates and changes?	We have a Q&A hosted by Karthik and we want to come up with a more streamlined approach to get out information about rule changes and clarifications.
REC	Adult Certification	You need an adult competition that will lead to certification.	Adult certification is something we are looking into.
DAY TWO			
REC	Scorekeeping at WC	Scorekeeping at World Championship was done on notebooks/electronically, but there was no recourse for mistakes. This was unfair and detrimental to teams. Teams were told the posted results were final. No paper score made it unfair.	The system archives scorekeeping as if it were a paper system, with all score changes recorded.
REC	Queueing Stations at WC	At 2014 Worlds - Queueing Stations were packed w/ parents of children who were not coaches/drivers/queueing personnel. What changes will be in place?	We will have a new arena next year. The entire flow of the event will be much improved.
REC	WC Lines	At WC VRC Skills area was congested and located next to VEX IQ field. The lines combined at times and some teams were not able to do Skills Challenge. Teams waiting in line had to run to their matches.	We will make the space for the lines clearer and farther apart. Teams are advised to conduct Skills during the largest opening in their schedule.
REC	Logo Sizes	Please list additional sizes on Tournament Manager. Recommended small logo size 100x250.	Updates are planned.