Guidelines for Sibling Teams

*FIRST* Robotics Competition defines multiple teams associated with one organization as Sibling Teams. We know that many teams (whether from the same organization or not) will work very closely with each other when not at an event. This document was created to help provide guidance to Sibling Teams.

Our focus in *FIRST* Robotics Competition is on inspiring young people to become STEM leaders. As such, we understand that some organizations have created additional teams in order to help give more experience to their students. It is up to each organization to decide what works best for them when considering creating additional team(s). However, these guidelines have been created to help ensure equity at events and Sibling Teams must follow these guidelines.

The guidelines are as follows:

- If an organization adds a new team to their organization, they must register the team within the *FIRST* Dashboard paying close attention to what classifies them as a Rookie or not. (Please refer to the [Rookie Team Criteria Document](link) and the [Separation/Combine rules](link))
- Student members may only be registered to a single *FIRST* Robotics Competition team at an event. Students can change teams between events, but at an event, each team should have designated students.
- If Sibling Teams plan to submit for the *FIRST* Impact Award, they should choose one of the following options:
  - Only one of the teams submits for the *FIRST* Impact Award, or
  - Each team can submit but should have different submissions and presentations
- Sibling Teams will be considered separately for all other awards and judges will use the information provided to them by each team individually to assess the team and robot. Each team should be prepared to cover all relevant information with the judges.