



August 14th 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

After careful and thorough consideration, Illini VEX Robotics, as a collective team, has decided to remove all association with iRobotics as of 08/15/2021. This decision has been made due to the key differences in both organizations' values and long term goals.

Over the years, iRobotics has prided itself in designing and constructing well-built robots with mechanical designs that are well known across the midwest. On the other hand, Illini VEX Robotics puts a stronger focus on computer science, with creating complex navigation algorithms and autonomous routines. Furthermore, two of the major events planned and hosted by iRobotics are Robobrawl and MRDC, which attract hundreds of midwest viewers annually during the Engineering Openhouse. This is a large contrast from the VEX Robotics Competition, which is held at a much larger scale with the season culminating in a worldwide tournament at the end of every year.

As of 08/15/2021: Illini VEX Robotics will not accept any money from iRobotics, will not use any resources that are iRobotics specific, and will be managing its own sponsors and SORF funding. iRobotics, as a result, will not be able to request EDC funding or any other funding or resources on behalf of Illini VEX Robotics's name or achievements, nor will iRobotics be able to claim any affiliation with VEX Robotics, or Illini VEX Robotics in the name of sponsorship talks, or anything that may take away credit from Illini VEX Robotics. Any members that are affiliated with Illini VEX Robotics can be affiliated with iRobotics; however, each member under Illini VEX Robotics will no longer be required to be a member of both entities.

iRobotics has been crucial in maintaining and nurturing the continuation of VEX Robotics for the past several years. The organization remains grateful for the help in building VEX Robotics. As the newly formed Illini VEX Robotics, the organization wishes iRobotics the best in its future endeavours.

Sincerely,

Illini VEX Robotics

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