



2016 *FIRST*® Robotics Competition (FRC®) Team Combines/Separations Rules

Case 1: A team separates into two (2) new teams and the original team retires

Parameters	Team 1	Team 2
Team Number- The original team number is retired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This team does not get a rookie number, but is considered a “new” team; Team gets an unused team number; the unused number will be as close to the original number as possible (i.e., from the original team’s rookie year). If no unused number is available from that year, another number from the closest (higher) year will be selected. 	Same as Team 1
Team History- Both teams keep history of prior team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>FIRST</i> will note “new” team record with statement that this team was originally part of team “ABC” and refers history queries to that team’s record; Team can make reference to having once belonged to original team “ABC” in all marketing, sponsorship, etc. activities of “new” team. 	Same as Team 1
Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team is not a rookie team, and cannot apply for any rookie team grants. Team can apply for other grants as appropriate. 	Same as Team 1
Championship (CMP) Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both teams retain Championship (CMP) eligibility* 	Both teams retain CMP eligibility*

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Case 2: A team separates to form one (1) new team and maintain the one (1) original team. This must be acceptable to both teams in order for this condition to apply.

Parameters	Original Team	“New” Team
Team Number- Both teams must agree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retains original team number. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This team does not get a rookie number for the current season, but is considered a “new” team; Team gets an unused team number; the unused number will be as close to the original number as possible (i.e., from the original team’s rookie year). If no unused number is available from that year, another number from the closest (higher) year will be selected.
Team History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retains all team history, including awards, events and grant information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>FIRST</i> will note “new” team record with statement that this team was originally part of original team “ABC” and refers history queries to that team’s record.
Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team can apply for grants as appropriate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team is not considered a rookie, and cannot apply for any rookie, team grants. Team can apply for other grants as appropriate.
CMP Eligibility- Both teams retain eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retains CMP eligibility* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retains CMP eligibility* CMP Eligibility for this team is based on date former team last attended.

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Case 3: Two (2) teams combine to form one (1) new team: The teams agree to keep one of the original numbers. This must be acceptable to both teams in order for this condition to apply.

Parameters	New (Combined) Team (“XYZ”)	Dropped Team (“ABC”)
Team Number- Both teams must agree	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Team keeps one existing team number.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">One team number gets dropped; it is not available for re-issue to new teams, but retired
Team History- Both team histories are combined	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Retains both team histories, including event, awards and grant information.Team record contains statement that this team combined with team “ABC”.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>FIRST</i> will note team record that acknowledges this team joined with team “XYZ”
Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Team may apply for grants as appropriate (i.e., non-rookie).	
CMP Eligibility-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Team retains CMP eligibility* per the team number chosen.	

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Case 4: A. Two (2) teams combine to form one (1) new team: Teams do not keep either original number.

Parameters	New (Combined) Team	Old Teams
Team Number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team is considered a “new” team and gets an unused team number; the unused number will be selected from the oldest team’s rookie year, and be as close to the original number as possible. If no unused number is available from that year, another number from the closest (higher) year will be selected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both team numbers get retired. Neither is available for re-issue to new teams.
Team History- Both team histories are combined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retains the right to refer to both team histories, including event, awards and grant information of each. New team record contains statement that it is a combined team comprising teams “ABC” and “XYZ” accordingly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>FIRST</i> will note each original team record that acknowledges the combine.
Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team cannot apply as rookie for any rookie awards, including NASA grants. 	
CMP Eligibility*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team retains CMP eligibility*, which is based on whichever team last Attended the event. 	

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Case 4: B. Both original numbers are dropped, and combined team gets a new number.

Parameters	New (Combined) Team	Old Teams
Team Number - The original team numbers are retired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gets an unused team number. This team does NOT get a rookie number for the current season, but is considered a “new” team; the unused number will be as close to the original number as possible (i.e., from the original team’s rookie year). If no unused number is available from that year, another number from the closest (higher) year will be selected. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both team numbers get dropped. They are not available for re-issue to new teams.
Team History – Both prior team histories are combined	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Team history contains statement that this team was originally teams “ABC” and “XYZ” and refers history queries to those teams’ records. Team is not considered a Rookie, and cannot apply for any rookie awards, including NASA, grants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both dropped team number histories now contain note that advises that the team joined with team “ABC,” or “XYZ” as appropriate, on appropriate date.
CMP Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team retains CMP eligibility* Rookie year is based on oldest team number, but CMP last attended is based on whichever team last attended. 	

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