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1023: Can two robots start on opposite side for skills

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<https://events.vex.com/VRC/2019-2020/QA/409> In previous seasons robots are allowed to start on opposite side and drive team members may stand on either side, independent of robot placement. In this year's game manual, we noticed that RSC1 added wording that team members need to stand in the corresponding alliance station.

<RSC1> Robots may start the Robot Skills Match per <SG1> in either Alliance Home Zone with all Drive Team Members standing in the corresponding Alliance Station.

I will copy and paste the relevant part from previous QA

May we ask - Given the above rules, is it allowed for the two robots used in a VEXU skills run to start the match on different sides of the field? If yes, must the drive team members associated with a particular robot be on the same side of the field as that robot? For example, would it be OK for a VEXU team to compete in a skills match with the following combination of robot starting locations and drive team locations:

- One robot starting on each side of the field
- Four drive team members in the red alliance station
- Two drive team members in the blue alliance station

Additionally, if we are allowed to start on both side, how would this affect <RSC1> b.

b. Teams may utilize eighteen (18) Match Load Rings, within the guidelines set forth by <SG8>. i. All Match Load Rings begin the Match in the Alliance Station where the Drive Team Members are standing. Match Load Rings may not be introduced from the Alliance Station that is not being used.

Would one side need to utilize only up to 9 match loads(half of 18), or can all 18 be introduced from one side?

Answered by committee

No, this would not be permitted. Both Robots must start on the same side of the field, and all Drive Team Members must stand in the corresponding Alliance Station.