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Documents and Updates

FIRST will provide important information to teams via the FIRST web site at:

http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/doc_updt.htm

Please check the team updates portion of the web site on a regular basis to insure that your team does not miss critical information about the 2005 FIRST Robotics Competition.

Our schedule to publish Team Updates is:

- Tuesday by 5PM and Friday by 10AM. We work hard to meet these commitments. Unexpected circumstances may, on occasions, delay their publication.
- Additional updates may be released if required.

Question & Answer System

Please review answers to questions in the Question & Answer System daily before submitting a new question (see instructions below).

The Question & Answer System can be found at:

<http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/2005/qa.htm>

1. Please ask one question at a time.
2. Questions are limited to 240 characters.

<u>Find Q&A Answered After a certain date</u>	<u>Find an Individual Q&A ID</u>
Leave Section set to All	Enter question ID # in the ID field
Set Date to After	Press Update Filter
Enter the appropriate date in the next field	
Leave Search blank	
Set Status to Answered	
Press Update Filter	

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FRC 2005 Week 1 and 2 Events

Week 1 and 2 event feedback from the teams, spectators, volunteers, and FIRST staff has been great! We'd like to commend all the teams for the great play and for making the game so exciting and enjoyable to watch... and for the ability to adapt to and play within the rules. At all events, we have seen many violations on Friday, but significantly less on Saturday! Our referees have done a tremendous job of enforcing the rules consistently, and our teams have done a tremendous job of improving their play and reducing penalties as the events go on.

As exciting as the events have been, we know there have been a variety of issues / problems that concern FIRST and the teams. Specifically, we understand that there may have been accuracy problems related to the scoring and ranking software. We profusely apologize for any issues / impacts the problems may have had on your team(s). Some of our testing was incomplete and not rigorous / thorough enough and we accept full responsibility for the inconsistencies.

We are diligently working to correct any problems experienced in weeks 1 and 2 and are committed to making the rest of the season as flawless as possible. We have heard your comments and concerns, and we are concentrating on correcting every problem with the competition software. A redundant backup system is being put in place to ensure that the scores and rankings will be precise and accurate.

We continue to be excited about the 2005 game and the incredible level of play demonstrated so far... and we expect that level to rise significantly, as we get closer to the Championship event. The teams have far exceeded our expectations in creativity, strategy, and gracious professionalism!

Keep up the great work!