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→ Special Notices ←

See revised Rule G06 in The Game section below.

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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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Section 0 - Introduction

No changes.

Section 1 - Communication

No changes.

Section 2 – Team Organization

No changes.

Section 3 - The Arena

No changes.

Section 4 - The Game

➤ **REPLACE: Rule G06**

Replace Rule G06 with the following:

<G06> Beginning immediately prior to placing the vision tetras on the field, until the conclusion of the AUTONOMOUS PERIOD, no team member may pass the Starting Line in their TEAM ZONE. All team members must stay within their alliance's designated TEAM ZONE during the match. If a team member passes the Starting Line before the autonomous period ends, except to save their controls from a violent collision of a robot into the diamond plate, or leaves their TEAM ZONE during the match, the team will be assessed a 10-point penalty. If a HUMAN PLAYER leaves the HUMAN PLAYER ZONE at any time during the match for any reason other than personal safety, the team will be assessed a 10-point penalty. However, if such actions are deemed by the referee to be so serious to have affected the outcome of the match, the team may be disabled and disqualified.

Section 5. The Robot (includes the Kit of Parts)

ROBOT

➤ **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION about: Batteries (also in Robot Transportation)**

Teams may bring their batteries to the events. FIRST recommends that each team take precautions to transport them safely in their original cardboard container.

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KIT

No changes.

Section 6 – Robot Transportation

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Section 7 – At the Events

No changes.

Section 8 – The Tournament

No changes.

Section 9 – The Awards

No changes.

Section 10 - Scholarships

No changes.

FIRST Guidelines, Tips & Good Practices

No changes.

E-Mail Blasts Sent Since Last Update

2/16/2005

All FedEx shipping airbills have been sent (via FedEx) to your Shipping Contact's address.

If you do not receive them by end of day Thursday, February 17th, you must let us know right away. Remember, robot ship is **Tuesday, February 22nd 5:00 pm local time.**

****IMPORTANT** Robot Ship Verification Process****

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All teams must verify that their robot has shipped within 24 hours of the robot's departure. Please do the following:

- Go to TIMS (www.my.usfirst.org)
- Go to "Robot Shipment" Tab on home page
- Enter your Tracking Number where provided. Please remember, when you enter your tracking information online, **you do not** need to mail a hard copy to FIRST!
- From drop down menu select your shipper (FedEx, UPS, Puralotor)
- Press the Update button - please don't forget this step or the information will not be captured!

If you ship via another carrier you must mail us confirmation within 24 hours of shipping. Please read Section 6.4.5.1 for full details. Teams delivering their crates to drayage must provide FIRST with a Time and Date Stamped Receipt.

If you have any questions please contact us at frcteams@usfirst.org

2/17/2005

It has come to our attention that there has been an issue copying/pasting paragraphs of text directly from Microsoft Word into the text boxes on the webpage at firstawards.org. Any special formatting (bullets, bold, underline, etc) in the document causes strange characters to be entered into the website. These characters can cause unwanted problems when submitting an entry.

Users are encouraged to enter the text directly into the browser, rather than copying and pasting. If you have prepared your submission as a Word document, you may copy and paste from Microsoft Word into Notepad or an equivalent text editor. Make any necessary changes to the text and then copy/paste from there into the FIRST awards website.

Notepad is a standard application provided with all releases of Windows. It can be found in Start->Programs->Accessories, or can be executed by Start->Run... and typing 'notepad', and clicking OK. Mac users should use a Notepad equivalent, like TextEdit or BBEdit.

If you have any issues or questions, please contact support@firstawards.org

Question & Answer Items of Note

There are none.

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Other Items of Note

There are none.