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→ Special Notices ←

<p>***** This is the last regularly scheduled Team Update ***** Special updates may occur as necessary. CONGRATULATIONS ON SURVIVING THE 6-WEEK BUILD PERIOD!</p>
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→ General Notices ←

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

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

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

No changes.

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

ROBOT

No changes.

KIT

No changes.

Section 6 – Robot Transportation

No changes.

Section 7 – At the Events

No changes.

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Section 8 – The Tournament

➤ **NOTICE regarding: Elimination matches**

As we implemented in 2004, we will reweigh robots (without the battery and half of the Anderson connector pair) before the Elimination matches UNLESS it is blatantly obvious that they are less than 120 pounds.

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

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Keep up-to-date with *FIRST* - View our Newsletter, 2005 Issue #1, at
<http://www.usfirst.org/about/news/email/2005-02-23/index.html>

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We have an important scholarship update for you!

DeVry University is graciously extending the application deadline of February 15, 2005 to July 1, 2005 for all those interested in attending DeVry. Full details on the scholarship and application can be found at <http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/2005/scholarshipsummary.htm> under "DeVry University." We are grateful for DeVry's generous extension, and hope FRC students will give their university and scholarship applications some serious thought.

DeVry University is a tremendous supporter of the FIRST Robotics Competition and we are truly grateful for all they have done for FIRST and for those who have received their FIRST scholarships. Please be sure that all team members receive a copy of this email with the extended date information.

We also have added several new scholarship listings in the past couple of weeks and have several more we hope to be adding shortly. Please make sure you check the FIRST website at <http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/scholsh.htm> regularly for continuing additions so you can be sure to optimize your scholastic and scholarship opportunities!

When you apply to a college or university, be sure to ask if they have any FIRST Scholarship opportunities for which you can apply. We have learned that some FIRST students were accepted at schools, which had FIRST Scholarships available and they never applied for them. Please don't miss out on an opportunity like this.

Thanks to all.

Question & Answer Items of Note

➤ **#1757**

The pictures are for illustrative purposes only and may not be completely detailed. The purpose of this picture is to demonstrate the human player loading only.

Also see #978... the rule has been "touching" since 1/11/2005.

Using the baseball analogy,...

Imagine in baseball if the runner just had to be over the base to be safe?

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Other Items of Note

➤ NEW SITE INFORMATION for: One locations

New Jersey Regional – Lunch pre-ordering opportunity

- Now includes the order forms for pre-ordering lunches

For the links to the event, go to:

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

Teams attending this event should print and distribute the section to team members.