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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 2006 *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

This year we are again providing a Q&A system to answer questions about the FRC game.

HOW TO ACCESS THE SYSTEM
FIRST is currently working to correct problems with this system and thanks you for your patience. In the next few days, *FIRST* will provide each team with a unique username and password. Once you have this information you will be able to access the system at http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/2006/qa.htm.

HOW TO USE THE SYSTEM
Please do not share or post your username and password outside your team. We must also ask that only adults use the system, no students please.

If you have any questions about the system or the competition, contact Team Support at: frcteams@usfirst.

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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)

No changes.

Section 6 – Robot Transportation

No changes.

Section 7 – At the Events

No changes.

Section 8 – The Tournament

No changes.

Section 9 – The Awards

No changes.

Section 10 – Get Published

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No changes.

2006 *FIRST* Guidelines, Tips & Good Practices

No changes.

E-Mail Blasts Sent Since Last Update

A variety of software tools are provided in this year's Kit of Parts to help teams understand, program, and control *FIRST* robots. To see an overview of the software suite available, please click on the following link:

http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/2006/2006frcsoftwareoverview.htm

Question & Answer Items of Note

No changes.

Other Items of Note 1

Reminder: Replacement Parts Request Deadline

****IMPORTANT****

Please remember there is a **"one time only"** chance for submitting your Replacement Parts Request. The Replacement Parts Request link is posted on the Team Information Management System (TIMS) at http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/res_art2.htm .

To begin the process of submitting a Replacement Parts Request (after the kickoff), teams will:

- Log into TIMS with your Logon ID and Password;
- Click on the "Submit a Replacement Parts Request" link on right side of the Team Summary page;
- Follow TIMS instructions to complete a Replacement Parts Request

Please be very careful to make sure your request is both accurate and complete prior to pressing the "Submit Request" button. Once the request is submitted there can be no changes to it. Please note that the system will not allow teams to request a quantity of parts higher than the number originally sent with the kit. This system is also not to be used to order additional and or purchased parts.

Replacement Parts Requests are processed daily and items will be shipped to teams during the next open shipping window. Please remember that all requests must be placed by **11:59 pm (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, January 11, 2006**.

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Other Items of Note 2

Poof-Slinky has offered the following option for teams:

For a minimum order of 48 balls, teams can call customer service (800) 329-8697 with a credit card and order the #850 Basketball at the wholesale price of $4 each plus FedEx Ground shipping.

****Important**** - in order to get the discounted price, you cannot place the order on-line; you must call the number above.