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TEAM UPDATE #18

GENERAL NOTICES

Off-board compressors – We would like to remind teams that Rule <R95> allows a team to leave the Kit-Of-Parts compressor off the robot but still use it to charge their pneumatics system with pressurized air, thereby saving weight and volume on the robot. However, Rule <R95> does NOT allow a team to bypass any of the other pneumatic or electrical system rules. In particular, even if the compressor is located off-board of the robot, the robot and compressor must still be in compliance with Rule <R90>, Rule <R96>, and Rule <R97>.

We recognize that inspectors were given more lenient guidelines, but want to make sure that all teams are aware of the expectations and will be held accountable for this pneumatics configuration going forward.

Documents and Updates

FIRST has updated the Inspection Documents 2006 Robot Inspection Checklist (Rev F), 2006 Robot Inspection Manual (Rev D), and 2006 Welcome to Robot Inspection (Rev D) per the clarification described above in General Notices. Teams can find and download these documents at http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/2006/frcdocs.htm#Section5.

Question & Answer System

No changes.

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

No changes.

2006 *FIRST* Guidelines, Tips & Good Practices

No changes.

E-Mail Blasts Sent Since Last Update

No changes.

Question & Answer Items of Note

No changes.