April 18, 2006

TEAM UPDATE #19

GENERAL NOTICES

Please make a correction to your copy of the Championship Document: **Championship – Essential Event Information**, under Driver Meetings on Newton Field on Thursday

1. The Drivers Meeting for Thursday morning at 9:15 is cancelled.

2. The Drivers/Referees meeting will be held as scheduled on Thursday evening at 6:30 PM on Newton.

(enabled by link *Essential Info for all teams) on the* http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/2006/chevents.htm website.

Documents and Updates

No changes.

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

Section 8 – The Tournament has been updated to include new subsection 8.4.2 on Pit Crew badges for the Championship Event. The Section is now Rev B. The new text is shown below:

8.4.2 Pit Crew – Elimination Rounds

Pit Crew: During the elimination rounds, extra team members are often needed to move team robots from the team's pit station to the queuing area and onto the playing field. For this reason, each alliance team is permitted to have three (3) additional "pit crew" members who can also help with needed robot repairs/maintenance.

At the Championship only team members wearing proper badges are allowed on the Arena floor. FIRST will distribute these badges to the Alliance Captains during the pairing selection process, which takes place on the division fields. These badges will provide the necessary access to the field for Pit Crew members.

We suggest that all teams assume they may be chosen for an alliance, and think about the logistics of badge distribution and set a plan prior to the pairings. It is each Alliance Captain's responsibility to get the team's badges to his/her team's Pit Crew members. Only one adult is permitted on this crew.

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

April 12, 2006
Subject: 2006 FIRST Finale Information Available Now!

For details on the 2006 *FIRST* Finale, including how to get tickets, please click on http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/2006/chevents.htm and go to the "*FIRST* Finale Info" .pdf document.

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April 13, 2006
Subject: 2006 FRC Team Survey Reminder

FIRST continues to need your help in making the *FIRST* Robotics Competition an incredible experience. If you have not yet completed the 2006 FRC Team Survey, we urge you to fill it out. Only you can tell us what you need to make FRC an inspirational and successful program for you!

The link is http://www.usfirst.org/wsurveys/FMPro?-db=wCollector_.fp5&-lay=web_survey&-format=start.html&t_spu=80-ggfr&-new

Many thanks for your help.

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April 14, 2006
Subject: New 2006 Woodie Flowers Award Winner Recognition Plan!

We are very excited to announce a new plan for the recognition of the 2006 Woodie Flowers Award winner at the upcoming *FIRST* Championship in Atlanta.

On Thursday at 5:00 pm, Dr. Woodie Flowers will host a ceremony located on Einstein field to honor and announce this year's Woodie Flowers Award winner. Dr. William Murphy, founder of the award, and a few past winners will also share their wisdom. There will be live music as an introduction and finish to this ceremony, so arrive early to catch all of the excitement of this new addition to the Championship event. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Also, visit the Hall of Fame (HOF) to see a new Woodie Flowers Award booth! The HOF is located in the pit area, so please come over and take a look at the teams and people who exemplify the meaning of *FIRST.*

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April 17, 2006
Championship Information!
Please visit http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/2006/chevents.htm
prior to departing for Atlanta. Teams will find all the necessary information for the Championship at this *FIRST* site.

Essential reading includes the *new* Essential Info for all teams. Pdf document. Please print this document and bring the copy with you to the event. The information contained in this document will help you and your team be most prepared when you arrive.

The countdown is on as we "Aim" for a "Highly" successful event! See you next week!
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