

March 29, 2011

TEAM UPDATE #20

GENERAL NOTICES

UPDATE TO SECTION 4 of FRC ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL 'AT THE EVENTS'

4.1 Early Uncrating / LOAD IN PROCEDURES

4.7.1 At Non Bag and Tag Events Regionals

For convenience and to help ensure safety in the pit, three (3) people from each team will be allowed to uncrate their robots before the pit officially opens at non-bag & tag events. **At least one (1) of the three (3) must be an adult of post high school status.** If any of the three (3) team members leave the pit area during that time, he/she will not be re-admitted until general pit opening. **Teams cannot work on the robot or set up the team's station during that time.**

Regional Competitions: Refer to your event agenda for possible early opening time, for uncrating only, on the morning of the first day of the event.

4.7.2 At The Championship: For convenience and to help ensure safety in the pit, five (5) people from each team will be allowed to uncrate and work on their robot on Wednesday. Uncrating and robot work will be allowed on Wednesday evening from 5 PM to 9:30 PM. At least one (1) of the ~~three~~ **five (35)** team members entering the pits must be a post-high school adult. (The others may be either students or adults).

The rules for Wednesday night pit entry at the Championship are as follows:

- **The priority tasks for team members is are to uncrate their robot, and move their crate to the aisle so that it is accessible to Shepard for removal; , set up their pit and GET INSPECTED;**
- **Teams arriving from Bag and Tag events MUST have their robot lock-up form signed off by an inspector before they unbag their robot. No work on the robot is allowed until this form has been signed off;**
- **Teams will not be allowed to use the practice fields Wednesday night. Teams should be focused on uncrating, setting up their pits, and getting inspected;**
- The ~~three~~ **five (35)** team members will be permitted to load in team materials on Wednesday night;
- Team members may only make one trip with load-in materials;
- There is no set limit to the amount of material teams may load-in, but it must be done in a safe, manageable way (Safety Advisors and other volunteers will be on site checking for, and helping mitigate, unsafe conditions);
- ~~Team members are permitted to stow load-in materials safely in their pit and out of the way of aisle traffic;~~
- ~~Team members are permitted to begin charging batteries;~~
- ~~Pit setup will not be permitted (if your crate becomes your pit setup, remember that you may only uncrate your robot);~~
- ~~Working on the robot will not be permitted;~~
- Safety glasses are required while in the pit; and
- An adult team member (one (1) of the ~~three~~ **five (35)** permitted in the pit) may use this time to check in early to avoid the rush on Thursday morning.

4.7.23 At Bag and Tag Events

Section 1 – Introduction to Section 3 – The Game

No changes.

Section 4 – The Robot

Note to teams purchasing additional batteries: <R34> allows for one EnerSys NP18-12; both the NP18-12B (supplied in the Kit of Parts) and the NP18-12BFR (the same battery with a fire-retardant case) are allowed.

Section 5 – The Tournament to The Kit of Parts

No changes.

Good luck to all teams competing in Week 5!