

2004 FIRST Robotics Competition

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→ Special Notices ←

We have noticed that some improved guidelines are needed in the areas of team machine shops and spare parts at events. While decisions were made on a region-by-region basis the first two weekends of the season, additional guidance is provided (and re-iterated) to establish a common set of rules for each regional competition.

Adhering to these rules is indeed important, for they establish the guidelines for all teams. We all work very hard to establish a system that is fair and equitable. When a team violates a published rule, the entire organization suffers. Honoring the rules is one way of honoring the hard work that each of us - FIRST staff, volunteers, teammates and competitors - has devoted to our cause.

Remember, our organization is not one that centers on winning a robotics competition, but rather one that is focused on transforming lives.

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Team Machine Shops at Events

This topic is a GUIDELINE for competition week 3 but will be the RULE starting competition week 4.

We welcome team machine shops at events but, in order to comply with FIRST and local venue requirements and to be equitable to everyone, teams bringing / sponsoring local machine shops must comply with the following:

- Notify FIRST that you wish to have a / your machine shop at a regional by talking to a FIRST Operation staff member. FIRST Operations at 603-666-3906, ext. 0.
- You must provide FIRST with proof of insurance for the local machine shop, naming FIRST as an additional insured; you must fax the certificate to 603-666-3907, Attn: Operations; AND you must present a copy of the certificate to the Event Manager. Without a proper insurance certificate, you or any team may not use your machine at an event.
- You must provide your own electrical supply and security.
- You must make your machine shop services available to all teams at the event.
- Requests for machine shop time in your machine shop must be handled at the same counter using the same forms as the machine shop provided by FIRST, including requests for help from the sponsoring team.

Spare Robots at Events

There has been some confusion regarding teams bringing spare robots to events. We apologize for the confusion and this is to clarify our position.

Teams are not allowed to bring spare robots into any event facilities. The intent of the 6-week build period and the subsequent crating of your robot after the 6 weeks is that the robot you ship in your crate is the robot with which you must practice and compete.

Teams that violate this rule will be disqualified from practicing and competing at the regional at which a team gained an unfair advantage over their fellow competitors.

Part Fabrication Between Events

Team Update #06 of 1/30/04, addressed fabrication between events and is repeated here:

During the six week period following Kickoff

You may fabricate spare parts for replacement purposes of items on your robot as long as they are exact replacements for parts on the robot you shipped to the event.

They must be brought to the event in a completely disassembled state as individual components (no bolt-on assemblies).

At Events

Teams are allowed to repair, modify or upgrade their competition robots while participating in a FRC event. They may do so only during the period starting with the opening of the Pit area on Thursday and ending at 4:00PM on Saturday. Work may be done on-site in the Pit or at any facility made available to all teams at the event, e.g., in a team's repair trailer or a local team's shop offered to all teams to use.

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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 2004 FIRST Robotics Competition.

Question & Answer System

The Question & Answer System can be found at:

<http://www.usfirst.org/robotics/2004/qa.htm>

1. Please ask one question at a time.
2. Questions are limited to 240 characters.

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The Manual

No changes.

Section 1. Introduction

No changes.

Section 2. Communication

No changes.

Section 3. The Arena

No changes.

Section 4. The Game

No changes.

Section 5. The Robot

No changes.

Section 6. The Kit

No changes.

Section 7. The Tournament

No changes.

Section 8. The Awards

No changes.

Section 9. Team Organization

No changes.

Section 10. At The Events

No changes.