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## TEAM UPDATE #21

### GENERAL NOTICES

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#### Important Messages from *FIRST* Headquarters:

- 1) The Director of FRC is very aware of the concerns regarding the Alliance Selection algorithm used throughout the 2007 competition season. Unfortunately, we ran out of time and the resources necessary to properly implement a change and meanwhile mitigate any risk to the *FIRST* Championship.
- 2) Based on initial FRC Forum feedback from the Championship, *FIRST* believes there is a strong message to improve “face to face” communication between the teams and the FRC Headquarters staff. We will look for ways to make this happen in the future, possibly at Regional Events. Please note that we will still be conducting Regional Forums across the country in mid-May. Please refer to <http://www.usfirst.org> in the upcoming weeks for more information.
- 3) Teams wishing to purchase Official Scoring Elements for off-season events should place their order prior to May 15, 2007. After that date we will liquidate the remaining inventory of tubes. Please visit <http://www.logoloc.com/first/> for ordering information.
- 4) *FIRST* received coverage by major media outlets during the *FIRST* Championship in Atlanta. Please visit our *FIRST* in the News page at <http://www.usfirst.org/who/content.aspx?id=156> for new links to online coverage by MSNBC, CNN and BusinessWeek. Thanks to all who shared their stories to help spread the word about *FIRST*.

**Have a great summer and we'll see you all back for the 2008 season!**