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TEAM UPDATE #1

GENERAL NOTICES

Important Messages from *FIRST* Headquarters:

1) We would like to remind teams that illustrative resources, such as the Kickoff video, the game animation, etc. are intended to provide overviews of the game. The ultimate authority regarding game rules is the 2008 *FIRST* Robotics Competition Game Manual posted on the *FIRST* website (<http://www.usfirst.org/community/frc/content.aspx?id=452>).

2) Thank you to the teams who let us know that the link for the *2008 Pneumatics Manual* and the *2008 Sensors Manual* were broken. Our apologies for the inconvenience! The links have since been fixed and can be found on the *FIRST* website (the link is included in item 1 above) under *Section 8*.

Section 0 - Introduction

No changes.

Section 1 - Communication

No changes.

Section 2 – Team Organization

No changes.

Section 3 – At the Events

No changes.

Section 4 – Robot Transportation

No changes.

Section 5 – The Awards

No changes.

Section 6 – The Arena

No changes.

Section 7 – The Game

Section 7 – The Game has been updated as follows:

- Rule <G36> has been removed. There is no longer a height restriction in an opponent's homestretch.
- The reference to Rule <G10> has been deleted from Rule <G11>. Robot contact with a trackball while hurdling is permitted, however a trackball passing under the Overpass and across the finish line must not be in contact with a Robot, per Rule <G10>.

Section 8 – The Robot

Section 8 – The Robot has been updated as follows:

- The phrase “other than those specified in Rule <G36> about not exceeding the maximum permitted height while in the opponent's HOME STRETCH” has been deleted from Rule <R16>.

Section 9 – The Tournament

No changes.

Section 10 – The Kit of Parts

The *Kit of Parts Checklist* has been updated as follows:

- The quantity of DryLin S Aluminum Shaft, Part Number AW116 has been changed from 4 to 2.
- The quantity of FisherPrice Gearboxes has been changed from 1 to 2.
- The quantity of the Terminal Blocks, Part Number BM-M092CS has been changed from 1 to 2.
- The phrase “rubber antenna” has been removed from the description of the Radio Modem for the Robot Controller. Both of the radio modems have metal antennas.
- The quantity of the Transmission mount – bottom has been changed from 1 to 2.

Please accept our apologies for the mistakes in the manual. We're grateful to the *FIRST* community for its thorough evaluation and gracious feedback. Thank you for finding the oversights so quickly!