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TEAM UPDATE #6

GENERAL NOTICES

Modifications to rules are highlighted in yellow.

Section 0 – Introduction

No changes.

Section 1 - Communication

No changes.

Section 2 – Team Organization

No changes.

Section 3 – At the Events

Section 3 – At the Events, Rev B, has been modified to include the following changes:

Section 3.8

3.8.1 Consent / Release and Team Roster Forms

You can find the forms here:

<http://www.usfirst.org/community/frc/content.aspx?id=8128>

Teams cannot register without a completed Consent/Release form for each team member and mentor attending the event(s) and a completed Team Roster. This includes adults traveling with the team. The forms for persons under 18 years of age must also have a parent or legal guardian's name and signature.

3.8.1.1 Prepare and Collect the Consent/Release Forms

Assign someone to take care of this project in advance. *Do not leave it for the last minute!* If a person does not attend the first event and did not turn in a form, he/she must complete one and turn it in at the event he/she attends. This includes the Championship.

We do not want, and will not accept school permission forms in lieu of our official form.

3.8.1.2 Bring Required Consent Forms and Team Roster to Registration

By choosing to attend or participate in the 2008 *FIRST* Robotics Competition events, each person grants *FIRST* permission to use all photographs and/or video footage, releases *FIRST* from liability, and provides the opportunity to gather alumni information. Each must use our official consent forms for this purpose. Read below for instructions/requirements:

Team's <u>INITIAL</u> 2008 Regional Event		Subsequent Regional Competitions & Championship
1.	Download the 2007-08 revised <i>FIRST</i> Consent/ Release and Team Roster forms from http://www.usfirst.org/community/frc/content.aspx?id=8128	Supply a completed <i>original</i> Consent form only for anyone who has not provided a form at an FRC Regional competition event during this season.
2.	To make it easy for yourself, fill in your team number on the designated line on the Consent form BEFORE you make copies.	
3.	Make enough copies of the Consent form for all team members, mentors, and accompanying adults.	
4.	Have each person fill one out and sign it.	
5.	Team members under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign theirs.	
6.	Collect the <i>original</i> Consent forms with the Team Roster on top, clip them together, and bring them to the event.	
7.	Give all forms to the registration staff at the Pit Administration Station at your initial Regional competition of the season.	

Section 3.9.1

Added following bullet points to bottom of list.

- While your robot is in your team's pit space any hybrid receiver must be disconnected from your robot.
- Teams will not be allowed to activate their shooting mechanisms within the team's pit space. If possible, we will try to provide a designated space within the venue for testing purposes.
- Trackballs must be stored within the confines of the team's pit space.

Section 4 – Robot Transportation

No changes.

Section 5 - The Awards

No changes.

Section 6 – The Arena

No changes.

Section 7 – The Game

No changes.

Section 8 – The Robot

No changes.

Section 9 – The Tournament

No changes.

Section 10 – The Kit of Parts

Gear Tooth Sensor Boards

We would like to thank the teams that brought the Gear Tooth Sensor board issue to our attention. We are grateful to the industrious teams that discovered the misplaced resistors and tested the solution! You, the *FIRST* community, continue to impress and humble us. Diversified Systems, Inc. the donor and manufacturer of the boards has graciously offered to repair any boards that have this issue. To have your board repaired, please send the boards to Diversified Systems, Inc, Attn: Ben Wrightsman, 3939 West 56th St., Indianapolis, IN, 46254. For questions, you can contact Ben directly at 317-299-9547 x350. The Diversified Systems, Inc. crew will repair the board and return it to you promptly. If you have the resources, skill sets, and are comfortable making the repair yourself, you're more than welcome to do so. Thank you again for your gracious response to this challenge!

Bumpers

Reminder - Bumpers are required for all matches; pre- and post-inspection.

Sensor Strip Schematics

The schematics for the sensor boards are posted here:
<http://www.usfirst.org/community/frc/content.aspx?id=482>

***FIRST* Guidelines, Tips and Good Practices**

No changes.