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## TEAM UPDATE #17

### GENERAL NOTICES

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**General Notes from *FIRST* Headquarters:**

Handling Game Pieces

We realized we had a conflict between <G20-B>, <G40-C> and an official Q&A response. This rule is adjusted below to eliminate the conflict. The principle is that if a GAME PIECE is being removed from the floor, then tongs must be used; if the game piece is being passed to the CRATER, hands may be used. This update will ensure consistent game play through Championship.

#### Section 0 – Introduction through Section 3 – At the Events

No changes.

#### Section 4 – Robot Transportation

Section 4 – Robot Transportation, Rev D, has been updated to include the following edits :

Section 4.13.2

**NOTE:**

If a team wants to dispute the weight of its crate, a scale will be on site at each event for reweigh within the specified time. In the Event a scale cannot be provided at the Regional. The Certified Weight that is indicated on the Material Handling Agreement Form will be used to determine if any overages occurred.

#### Section 5 – The Awards through Section 6 – The Arena

No changes.

#### Section 7 – The Game

Section 7 – *The Game*, Rev J, has been updated to include the following edits:

<G11.1> The provided MOON ROCK storage containers may be moved around, within the FUELING STATION or OUTPOST in order to accommodate the PAYLOAD SPECIALIST, but they must remain on the ground and upright throughout the MATCH. Violations may result in a PENALTY and YELLOW CARD being issued.

**<G20>** Handling MOON ROCKS – MOON ROCKS are the primary GAME PIECE used to SCORE

in the TRAILERS of the opposing ALLIANCE.

**A.** MOON ROCKS can be SCORED by ROBOTS or PAYLOAD SPECIALISTS.

**B.** PAYLOAD SPECIALISTS can enter MOON ROCKS into play by launching them over the Alliance Station Wall, launching them over/through the OUTPOST shield, or ~~using the provided tongs to pass~~ passing them backwards through the FUELING PORT/AIRLOCK. MOON ROCKS cannot enter the CRATER by being thrown around the end of the Alliance Station Wall. A violation will cause a PENALTY to be assigned.

**C.** MOON ROCKS can be recycled to the PAYLOAD SPECIALISTS by passing them over/through the AIRLOCK and through the FUELING PORT in the Alliance Station Wall, or by passing them through the port in the OUTPOST shield. MOON ROCKS cannot be recycled to the PAYLOAD SPECIALISTS via any other paths (e.g. over the OUTPOST shield or Alliance Station Wall). A violation will cause a PENALTY to be assigned.

## Section 8 – The Robot

No changes.

## Section 9 – The Tournament

**<T06>** After a TEAM receives a YELLOW CARD, a yellow ~~flag placard~~ will be placed on their ~~TRAILER Player Station, under their team number~~, at the beginning of all subsequent MATCHES as a reminder to the team, the referees, and the audience that they have been issued a YELLOW CARD.

## Section 10 – The Kit Of Parts

No changes.