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## TEAM UPDATE #13

### GENERAL NOTICES

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#### Robot Shipping:

We'd like to make sure teams understand the rules about robot shipping versus what teams can bring with them to the event as part of the WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCE. The verbiage below has been updated and clarified since the *Bill's Blog* post on 2/22/10.

Rule <R38>, as amended in Team Update #11, permits the TEAM to bring up to 65 pounds of FABRICATED ITEMS to the competitions as their WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCE. There are no explicit restrictions or requirements on what is included or excluded from the WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCE. The choice of which FABRICATED PARTS of the ROBOT are included in the WITHHOLDING ALLOWANCE is entirely up to the TEAM.

It is noted that a ROBOT is an assembly of FABRICATED and COTS parts, and the full ROBOT is itself a FABRICATED ITEM. However, it was never the intention of this rule that a complete ROBOT (presuming it weighed less than 65 pounds) could be brought to the competition as a single, unitary, fully assembled item. Thus, teams attending traditional events may not bring fully assembled ROBOTS to the competition. Teams attending bag & tag events may not bring a fully assembled ROBOT that has not been bagged.

For all events (both traditional and bag & tag events), for those few cases where the complete ROBOT weighs less than 65 pounds, teams may bring up to 65 pounds of separate FABRICATED ITEMS which can be assembled into the final assembly of the full ROBOT once you are on-site. But they must be brought to the competition venue as a collection of two or more separate FABRICATED ITEMS in a less-than-complete state of assembly.

We understand that this may appear artificially restrictive and confusing. We are not trying to be excessively particular in this area. There are specific restrictions (e.g. contractual requirements, union rules, etc.) on how complete ROBOTS are delivered to competition venues, and how they are loaded into the venues, that limit our flexibility in this area. We ask for your understanding and patience as we work through these requirements.

#### Section 0 – Introduction through Section 9 – The Tournament

No changes.

#### Section 10 – The Kit Of Parts

The 2010 *Kit Of Parts Checklist, Rev C* has been updated to include the cRIO gaskets included in the Kit Of Parts.