

Bag and Tag Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) v1.0

Q: What's 'Bag and Tag'?

A: Instead of shipping their robots on Robot Ship Day, teams attending regional events designated 'Bag and Tag' put their robots in a large bag, close it with a security seal, and log the information on a 'Robot Lock-Up' form. They are then responsible for bringing their robot and other equipment to the event themselves, rather than having them shipped. Inspectors at the event will check the bag, tag, and form to make sure the rules were followed before teams will be able to access their robot.

Q: When and where am I getting the bags and tags I need for this process?

A: You will be receiving them along with your Kit of Parts. If you need an additional bag or seal at an event, more will be available at Pit Admin.

Q: Can I ship my robot to a Bag and Tag event?

A: As a rule of thumb, no. Bag and Tag events will not have regular shipping and drayage services available. However, if this presents you with an extreme hardship, you may request an exception by emailing frcteams@usfirst.org. Be sure to include as much detail as you can in your request. Not every request will be granted.

Q: Since I am not shipping my robot to my event, does that mean I can continue to work on my robot after Robot Ship Day?

A: No. Teams attending Bag and Tag events must follow the same 'Build Season' rules as teams who are shipping their robots. There is a minor exception for teams who are attending 2-Day events (in 2011, this means Michigan District Events only), because they have less time to work on their robots at these events. For more details, see the document entitled 'Attending a Bag and Tag Event' under Section 5 here:

<http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/frc/content.aspx?id=452>

Q: Did I have the option to choose whether I would Bag and Tag or ship to my event? I don't remember seeing that when I registered.

A: No, you did not have the option to choose. Your 'Bag and Tag' status was determined by the event you selected. The full list of Bag and Tag events has been published several times starting in September, most recently here: <http://frcdirector.blogspot.com/2010/12/some-loose-ends.html>. It was also listed on the event details screen under each individual event.

Q: Do I still get FedEx shipping vouchers (otherwise known as bills of lading)?

A: That depends on what other events you may be attending. If you are only signed up for one Bag and Tag event, and nothing else, no. If you are signed up for one Bag and Tag event and Championship, you will be getting one voucher (bill of lading). If you did not sign up for Championship, but qualify at the Bag and Tag event you are attending, you will be given one voucher at the event. If you signed up for any non-Bag and Tag event, you will be getting two vouchers as usual.

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: Look under 'Section 5 – Robot Transportation' here:

<http://www.usfirst.org/roboticsprograms/frc/content.aspx?id=452> You may also email frcteams@usfirst.org if you have any other questions.