

ROBOT starting "perpendicular to the floor" would be evaluated to be in its STARTING CONFIGURATION, resulting in the FRAME PERIMETER evaluation being made in this state. Should the ROBOT then tip to be parallel to the floor, the BUMPERS would likely leave the BUMPER ZONE in violation of !G23. For evaluation of !R2, remember that FRAME PERIMETER is evaluated in STARTING CONFIGURATION, so evaluation of !R2 would be in relation to that measurement, not a measurement that would be made had the ROBOT started flat on the ground.

(Asked by **5401** at Apr 8th 19)

Q448 Unbagging to accomodate shipping

Q: Our team bagged the robot at the end of district championships with the bumpers on. We are unable to fit the robot in the crate with the bumpers on. Is it acceptable to unbag the robot to reconfigure the robot for shipping, so long as we do no maintenance work on it?

A: No, removing BUMPERS isn't listed as a reason for additional time in !R20. Please email [FRC] (<mailto:frcteams@firstinspires.org>) to inquire about team specific exceptions/process to rules based on extenuating circumstances.

(Asked by **5401** at Apr 9th 19)

Q449 Recording conversations with event staff?

Q: Are there any rules that prevent teams from recording conversations and meetings with event staff? Can teams record the drivers' meeting held at each event? Can teams record conversations held in the question box? It's my understanding that both of these are conversations held in public without any reasonable expectation of privacy so they are legally allowed to be recorded but would there be any repercussions such as yellow or red cards?

A: There are neither *FIRST* Game nor Event rules that prohibit recording audio at events. However, laws regarding recording of conversations vary state-to-state and country-to-country, and, in some cases, recording without consent may be criminal. Please do not record *FIRST* event staff without the event staff's consent and please do not challenge any decision of any event staff who refuses to provide such consent. Thank you for the question, as it's not an issue that's been brought to our attention to date. This topic will be reviewed in more detail for future seasons to determine if *FIRST* specific regulation is needed.

(Asked by **3847** at Apr 11th 19)