

Team Update 05

General

Q&A

The answer to [Q83](#) has been updated with a corrected response.

Game Manual

7.3 Pre-MATCH

G302 ***Limit what you use during a MATCH.** Items used during a match must fit on your team's DRIVER STATION shelf, be worn or held by members from your DRIVE TEAM, or be an item used as an accommodation (e.g. stools, crutches, etc.). Regardless of if the equipment fits the criteria above, it may not:

- A. be employed in a way that introduces a safety hazard,
- B. extend more than 78.0in (1.981m) above the floor,
- C. communicate with anything or anyone outside of the ARENA with the exception of medically required equipment,
- D. block visibility for FIELD STAFF or audience members, or
- E. jam or interfere with the remote sensing capabilities of another team or the FIELD.

Exceptions to part B are granted for momentary extensions above 78.0in (1.91m) and for individuals above 78.0in (1.91m) wearing PPE or reasonable decorative apparel such as hats, headbands, etc.

Violation: MATCH will not start until the situation is remedied. If discovered or used inappropriately during a MATCH, YELLOW CARD.

Examples of equipment that may be considered a safety hazard in the confined space of the ALLIANCE AREA include, but are not limited to, a folding step stool, ladder, or a large signaling device.

Using an item that has wireless communications disabled complies with C above.

Examples of jamming or interfering with remote sensing capabilities include, but are not limited to, mimicking the FIELD AprilTags and shining bright lighting or laser pointers onto the FIELD.

11.2 District Championship Eligibility

Table 11-5 2026 District Championship Capacities

District Championship	Capacity	Divisions
FIRST Mid-Atlantic District Championship	60 66	1

14.4 Load In

E403 ***Load-In Restrictions.** The only team permitted activities during load in periods prior to pits opening are:

- A. bringing materials into their pit area,.
- B. ROBOT and BUMPER weighing (if available at your event), including any necessary BUMPER installation or removal, and
- C. Early Pit Setup (if available at your event)., and
- D. District Championships and FIRST Championship may allow inspection during load-in which will be announced in the public schedule.

Violation: Teams will be asked to leave the pit area.