



Inspection Guidelines

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Appendix A – Robot Inspection Guidelines

A.1 – Overview

This section describes Robot Inspection for the CREATE Junior competition. It also lists the inspection definitions and inspection rules.

A.2 – Description

The *robot* will be required to pass a full inspection before being cleared to compete. This inspection will ensure that all *robot* rules and regulations are met. Initial inspections will take place during team registration/practice time. The official “Competition Inspection Checklist” is another important document which can be used by teams as a guide to pre-inspect their robot. The “Competition Inspection Checklist” can be found on the CREATE Jr. game page of the CREATE website: www.CREATE-Found.org.

A.3 – Definitions

Robot – An operator controlled vehicle designed and built by a CREATE Junior team to perform specific tasks while competing. The robot can be constructed using only approved components. No other parts will be allowed on the robot. Prior to participating in the competition, each *robot* will be required to pass an inspection.

Robot Sizing Tool – A tool used during *robot* inspections which has interior dimensions 14 inches (35.56 cm) wide. The *robot's* height, width and length must fit within this tool without exerting ANY force on the edge of the tool.

A.4 – Inspection Rules

- <11> The team's *robot* must pass inspection before being allowed to compete. Noncompliance with any *robot* design or construction rule may result in disqualification of the robot at an event.
- <12> The Official Team Number must be displayed on the robot prior to inspection as defined in the Robot section of the manual.
- <13> *Robot* construction is constrained by the components a team may use as defined in the Robot section of the manual.
- <14> The maximum size of the *robot* for starting a Qualifying or Elimination Match is 14 inches (35.56 cm) wide by 14 inches (35.56 cm) long by 14 inches (35.56 cm) high. The *robot* must fit within a *Robot Sizing Tool*. The *robot* must be self-supporting while the *Sizing Tool* is passed over it.
- <15> The starting configuration of the *robot* at the beginning of a match must be the same as a *robot* configuration inspected for compliance, and within the maximum allowed size.
- <16> If *Robot* designs have more than one possible starting configuration, the largest possible configuration must be used during size inspection.

- <17> When a team makes a modification to improve performance or reliability of their *robot*, the team may request a re-inspection of their robot by an Inspector.
- <18> Inspectors evaluate *robots* to ensure each *robot* has been designed to operate and function safely. The *robot* must be designed for safe operation and handling. Specific safety rules and limitations apply to the design and construction of a *robot*.
- <19> A *robot* is deemed successfully inspected when all items listed on the “Competition Inspection Checklist” have been recorded as passed by an Inspector.