

## Team 3309 Robotics Safety Policies Statement 2011-2012

### Team Commitments:

- School and homework have to be a priority, if you need any help just ask. If your grades start to slide you will be put on probation.
- We only have six weeks to design, build, program and test our robot. This must be your #1 commitment.
- You must focus at all meetings.
- You need to have a minimum of 50% meeting attendance to travel with the team to competition on school days (Thursday & Friday of the competitions in March and April)

Servite/Connelly/Rosary's Code of Conduct will followed during your time at team functions. Violations of the rules outlined in this agreement are taken very seriously. The discipline given may vary from case to case and severity of the issue. In all cases the decision will be as fair and objective as possible by the leadership team. Possible disciplinary actions can include suspension for the remainder of the day, week or season or activities such as competitions; probationary period; demotion from leadership positions; the contact of parents or guardians and or school officials; up to and including permanent dismissal from the team. Disciplines may be tailored to meet the needs of the situation. Discipline will be decided by more than one leader after reviewing the situation – if the situation allows for this. Whereas the leaders are not always allowed to discipline a student, that student's name and infraction will be handed over to the school for their review. To be able to participate in regional and national competitions as well as special team events students must exhibit a fair level of team involvement. Just coming to meetings is not enough. Some examples of positive team involvement are as follows: Obtaining personal goals and objectives, helping with team fund raising activities, and undertaking responsibilities and following through with them. Negative student involvement also exists, including: disruptive behavior, talking during meetings / presentations, lack of consistent attendance (you are required to attend at least 50% of meetings).

Friarbots Team 3309 take safety very seriously. Based on the regulations of FIRST Robotics, our time in build and design process, and our experience in competition, we have put together a set of safety guidelines to be followed at all times. By signing below, I affirm that I have read the following safety guidelines and will abide by them and remind my teammates about them as needed:

- **Always wear eye protection.** While working with robotics components, various hazards are present, including forces under tension and risk of electrical malfunction. Wearing eye protection reduces the risk of eye injury.
- **Operate tools safely.** Power tools, such as drills, saws, and grinders should be operated by qualified persons only. A safe distance should be kept around those using power tools.
- **Communicate effectively.** Communication is key to safety and success. Good communication allows everyone to be aware of what is going on and understand and reduce safety risks.
- **Be aware of your surroundings.** It is important to consider the people and things surrounding a work area, and incorporate those elements into a safe and controlled work flow.
- **Have & use the right tools.** It is vital to have the correct tools present, as using incorrect equipment not only wastes time, but introduces unnecessary safety risk.
- **Stay organized.** Staying organized not only increases efficiency and saves time, but prevents items from being laid about carelessly in a manner that could damage equipment or hurt people.
- **Be clean.** Cleaning up dust and debris prevents environmental health hazards from being introduced and helps keep the work area useful and efficient.
- **Have fun!** The core of what we do at Team 3309 is about gaining experience, new knowledge, and having fun in a safe environment.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

This completed form along with the other Servite trip permission forms must be turned into Mr. O'Neill no later than Monday, January 2, 2012 or you will no longer be allowed to be on the team.