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***Please remember that questions submitted prior to the entry deadline of 31 October that were not answered in the FAQ must be resubmitted.***

**DBF Q&A #5**

**18 Dec 2008**

**Note:** *Details on the 2009 DBF Fly-Off site, local area lodging and contest weekend schedules are in the attachment included with the Q&A #5 e-mail.*

**Q:** Will there be a location to store the planes overnight between the competition days, or is this the responsibility of the teams? If there is storage available, will teams have access to power to recharge battery packs?

**A:** The contest site will have tented area(s) for the student teams. The team preparation area will include 120 VAC electrical power for battery charging. Charging may only be done during the day, no electrical systems of any kind may be connected during off-contest hours. The site will be gated and locked during the off-contest hours if teams elect to leave any of their equipment onsite. Additional site information is contained in the contest day information document.

**Q:** If we are unable to obtain a 2.4Ghz radio is there any way we could get a 72MHz frequency assignment as a fall-back?

**A:** Requests for 72 MHz frequencies will be accepted on a first come basis starting 1 Feb 2009 for any remaining unassigned channels. Channels will be limited to one per University as noted on the frequency assignment page on the website.

**Q:** Will the aircraft be required to come to a complete stop on the starting line without physical interference of a team member?

**A:** Yes. Team ground crew members will not be allowed to leave their designated location to assist the aircraft at any time until the aircraft has come to a complete stop and the team is directed it is safe to proceed by the flight line judge. Carefully read the contest rules for when and how the team ground crew is allowed to assist the aircraft in positioning after landing.

**Q:** Is it required to reach the circuit flight altitude after take-off in some specific time?

**A:** No. There is no specified time limit to reach circuit altitude or to complete the flight lap.

**Q:** Can the team members be changed?

**A:** Team members may be updated/changed at any time during the contest provided the required team makeup is maintained. We will make a **“One Time”** update to the posted team member lists posted on the

website. Teams wishing a team member list update must submit an updated copy of the contest entry form with all fields fully filled (but only the team member names may be changed) between 1 Feb 2009 and 15 Feb 2009.

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