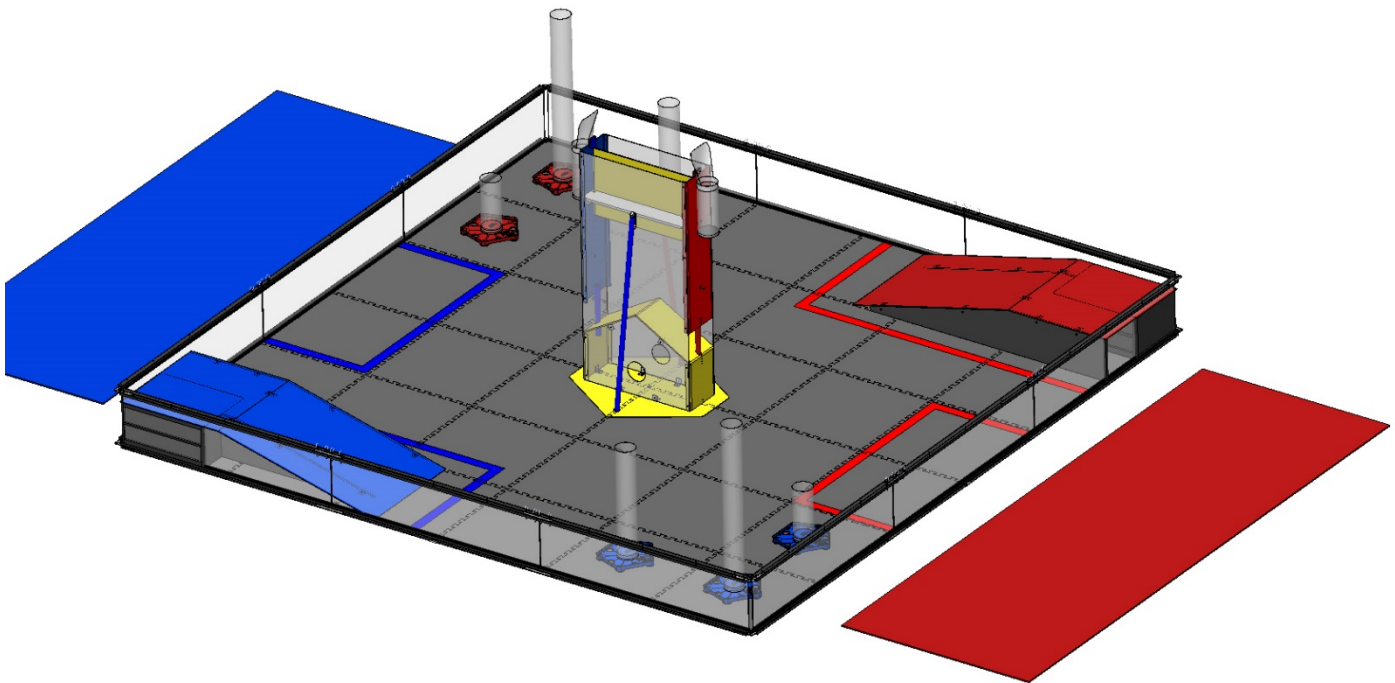




# Field Assembly and Setup Guide



**AndyMark Field Components for 2014-2015 FIRST® Tech Challenge**



***Read through all the instructions before you begin to set up!***

This guide contains instructions for setting up the Field Elements for the 2014-2015 **FIRST®** Tech Challenge Game Cascade Effect. Field electronics are described in a separate document.

## REVISION HISTORY

Rev.	Date	Description
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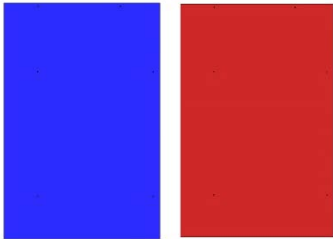
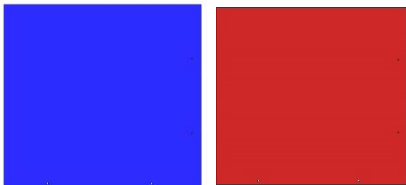








## TOOLS NEEDED

Component	QTY	Part Photo
Rivet Tool*	1	
3/8" Wrench*	1	
7/16" Wrench*	1	
5/32 Hex Key Driver*	1	
#1 Philips Screwdriver*	1	
Rubber Mallet (optional)	1	
Standard Stapler	1	

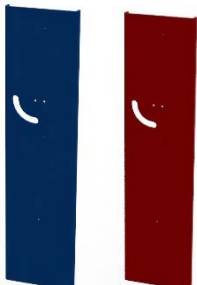


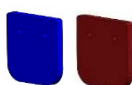
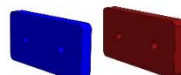

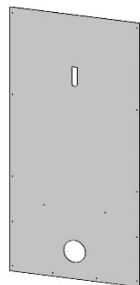
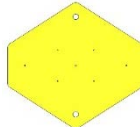
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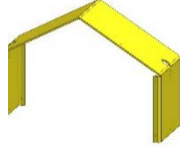
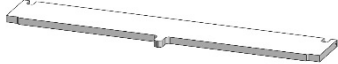
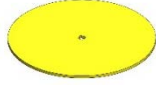
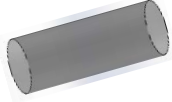
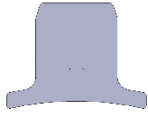












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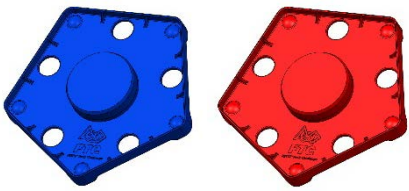
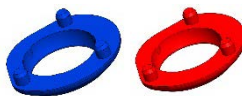

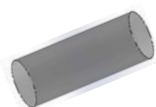
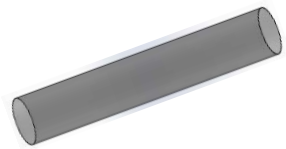
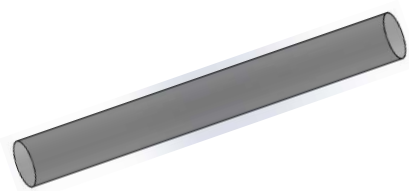

Component	QTY	Part Photo
Blue Ramp Panel	1	
Red Ramp Panel	1	
Blue Platform Panel	1	
Red Platform Panel	1	
Ramp Side Support	2	
Ramp Rib	2	
Folding Crate	2	
<b>Ramp Hardware</b>		
90° Bolt Bracket	12	
15° Bracket	4	
10-32 x 0.750 SHCS (Socket Head Cap Screw)	12	
10-32 Nylock Nut	12	
Short Rivets (1/8" x 0.313-.375)	20	

# CENTER FIELD STRUCTURE BUILD LIST

Component	QTY	Part Photo
Blue Side Panel	1	
Red Side Panel	1	
Blue Kickstand	1	
Red Kickstand	1	
Blue Diverter Pipe	1	
Red Diverter Pipe	1	
Blue Backboard Clip	1	
Red Backboard Clip	1	
Blue Backboard Spacer	1	
Red Backboard Spacer	1	
Upper Cross Brace	1	
Front Panel	2	
Floor Plate	1	

Splitter Ramp	1	
Ball Tray	2	
Center Pivot	1	
275mm Goal Tube	2	
Goal Backboard	2	
275mm Measuring Tape Stickers	2	
FTC Logo Sticker	2	
Base Number Stickers	6	
<b>Center Goal Hardware Kit</b>		
90° Bracket	4	
90° Bolt Bracket	6	
Center Goal Rivets	54	
Long Rivets (1/8"x.501-.625 long)	4	
Center Pivot Bolt	1	
10-32 x 0.375 BHCS (Button Head Cap Screw)	6	
10-32 x 1.000 SHCS (Socket Head Cap Screw)	4	
10-32 x 1.250 (Socket Head Cap Screw)	2	
10-32 Nylock Jam Nuts	14	

# ROLLING GOAL BUILD LIST

Component	QTY	Part Photo
Blue Pentagon Base	3	
Red Pentagon Base	3	
Blue Caster Cap	15	
Red Caster Cap	15	
Bearing Ball Caster	30	
275mm Goal Tube	2	
575mm Goal Tube	2	
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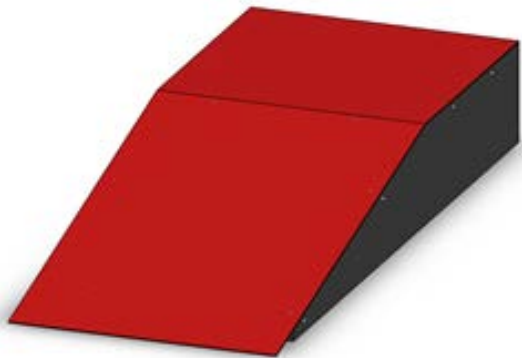
## Ramp/Platform Assembly Instructions

### Tools

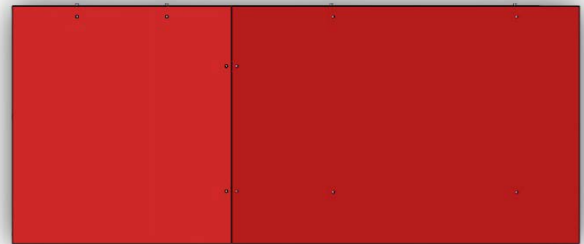
Rivet Tool

3/8 Wrench

5/32 Hex Key Driver

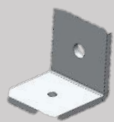


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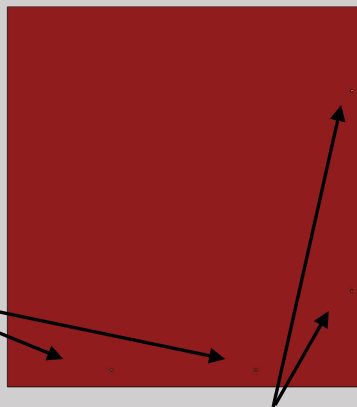


Top View

### BRACKET LOCATIONS



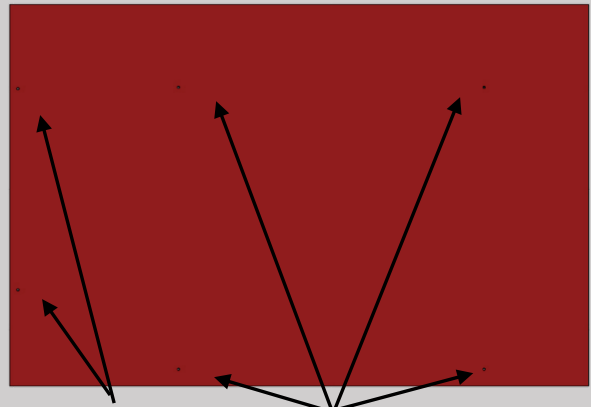
**90° Bolt Brackets**  
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**15° Brackets**  
(on long edge)



Platform Bottom View



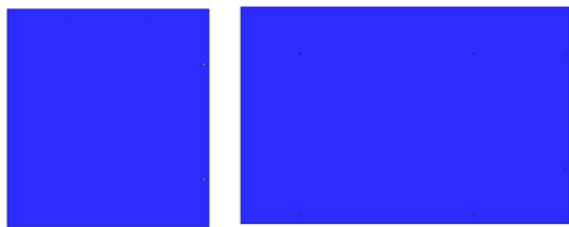
**15° Brackets**

**90° Bolt Brackets**



Ramp Bottom View

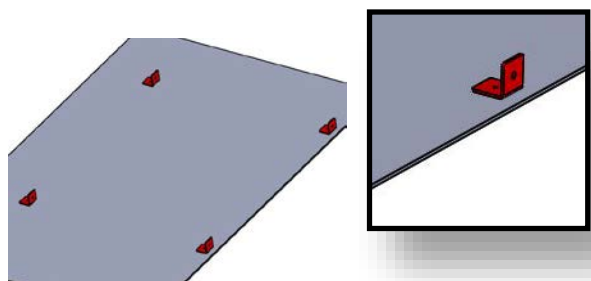
**Step 1:** Remove protective plastic film from both sides of the ramp and platform panels. Watch for sharp edges.



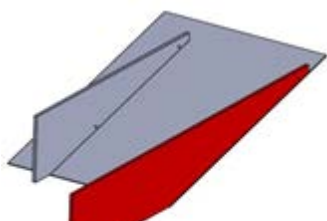
**NOTE:** The ramp/platform components have a shiny and a dull side. The pieces have been pre-drilled to fit together in one orientation. There is no significant difference in the co-efficient of friction between the shiny and dull sides.

**Step 2:** Add four 90° bolt brackets to the ramp panel using short rivets (1/8" x 0.313"-0.375"). All brackets should be facing the same direction.

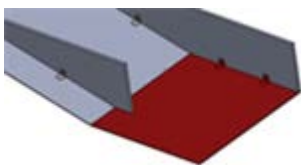
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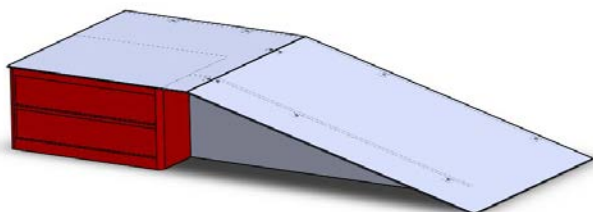
**Step 4:** Add one field side support to the outer brackets on the ramp panel using 10-32 x 0.750 SHCS and locknuts. The screw heads should be on the outside. These nuts should be secure but not over-tightened.



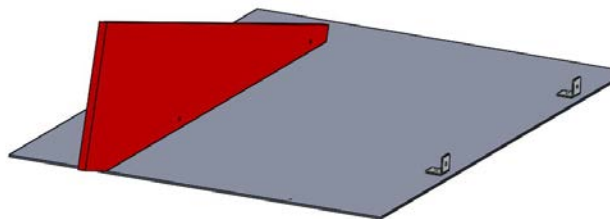
**Step 6:** Add the platform to the ramp assembly. Secure to the ramp side using two 10-32x 0.750 SHCS and locknuts. The screw heads should be on the outside. These nuts should be secure but not over tightened.



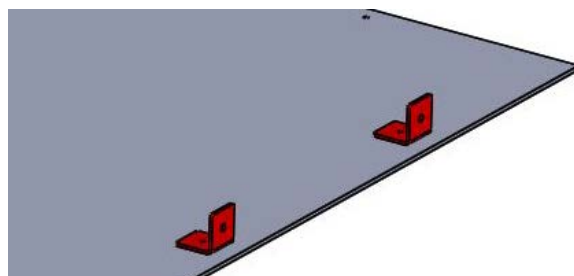
**Step 8:** Add one crate to the ramp assembly under the edge of the platform to support the ramp corner. The crate opening should face up.



**Step 3:** Connect one ramp rib to the inner brackets on the ramp panel using two 10-32 x 0.750 SHCS and locknuts. The nuts should be secure but not over tightened.

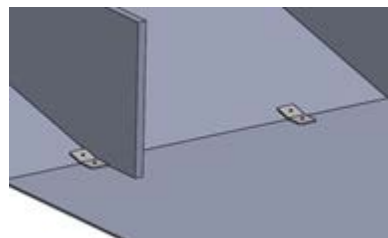


**Step 5:** Add four 90° bolt brackets to the short edge of the platform panel using short rivets (1/8" x 0.313"-0.375"). These brackets have two different sized holes. Rivet through the smaller hole.



**Step 7:** Add two 15° angle brackets to both the ramp and platform panel using short rivets (1/8" x 0.313"-0.375"). The rivet flange should be on the opposite side of the bracket.

The gap between the platform and the ramp should be minimal.



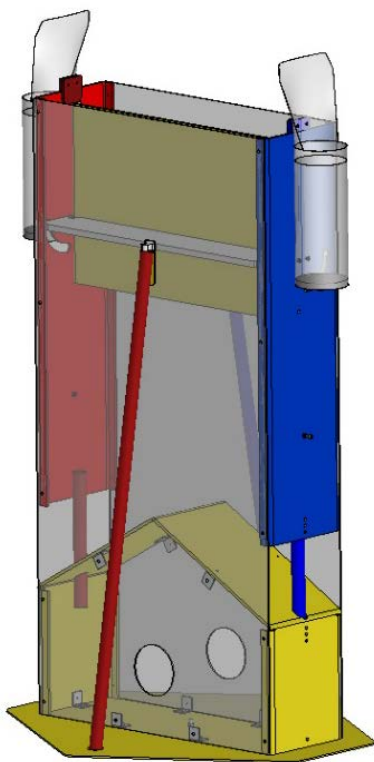
**NOTE:** Platform and crate will sink into SoftTile playing surface to sit level during game play.



# Center Field Structure Assembly Instructions

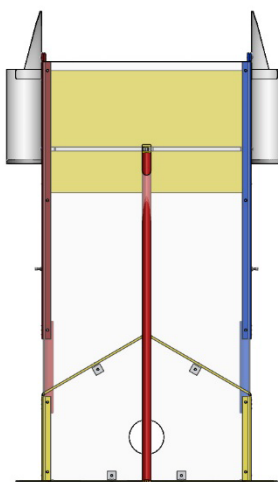
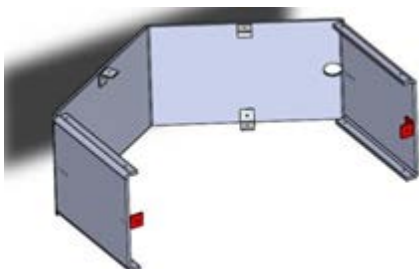
## Tools

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3/8 Wrench  
7/16 Wrench  
5/32 Hex Key Driver  
#1 Phillips Screwdriver

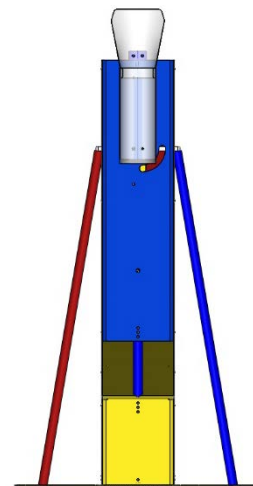


**Step 2:** Add two 90° bolt brackets to the outer sections of the splitter ramp, using short rivets (1/8" x 0.313"-0.375"). The flanges should be flush with the splitter ramp edge.

These brackets have two different sized holes. Rivet through the smaller hole.



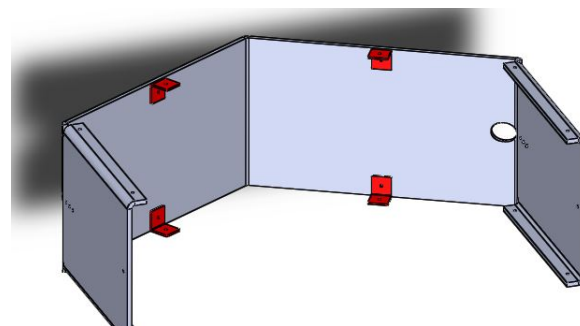
Front View



Side View

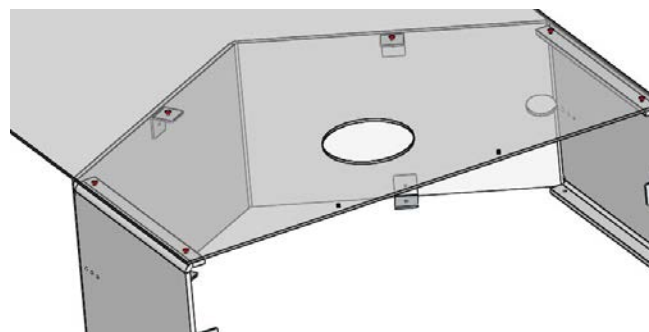
**Step 1:** Add four 90° brackets to the center sections of the splitter ramp, using short rivets (1/8" x 0.313"-0.375"). The flange should be flush with the edge of the splitter ramp.

These brackets have two holes of the same size.

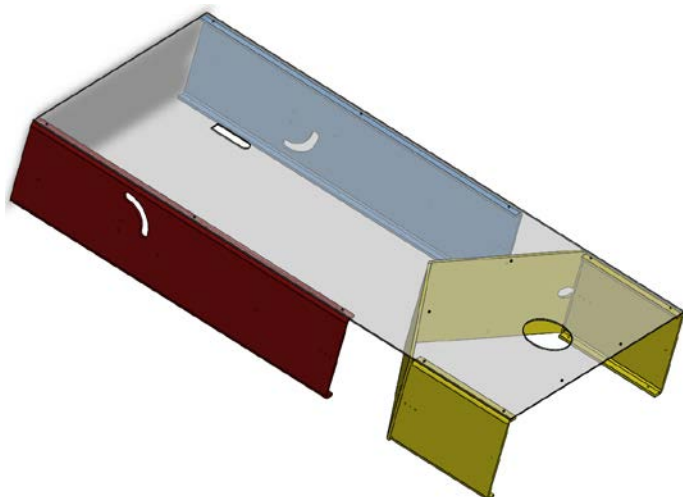


**Step 3:** Remove protective film from front panel. Attach the splitter ramp onto the front panel as shown using six short rivets (1/8" x 0.313"-0.375").

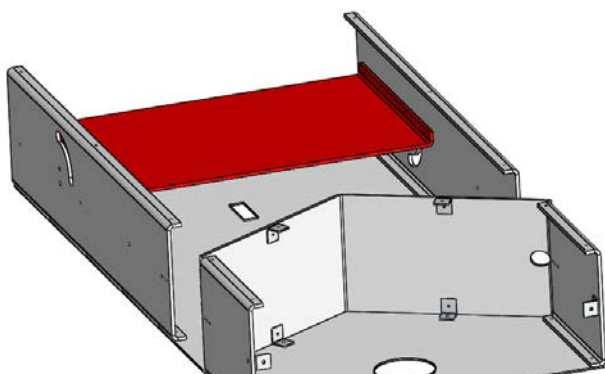
The brackets should line up with pre-drilled holes.



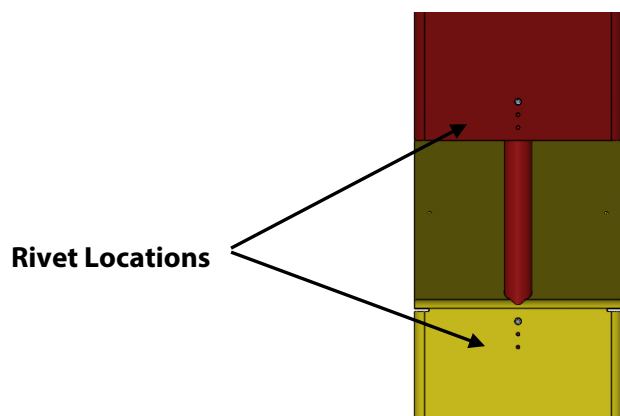
**Step 4:** Place one side red side panel and one blue side panel on the edge of the front panel. The flanges should face inside and the curved cutout should be oriented so it is furthest away from the splitter ramp.



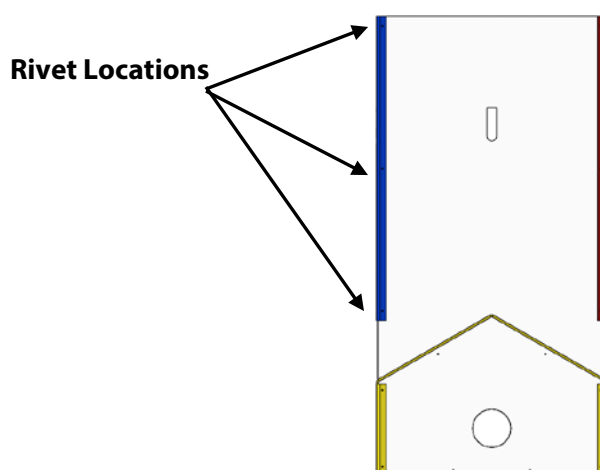
**Step 6:** Add the upper cross brace to the side panels and secure with 2 short rivets (1/8" x 0.313"-0.375") on each side.



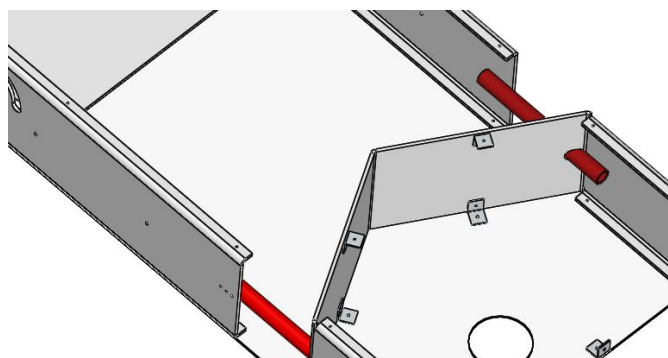
**Step 8:** Using six rivets (1/8" x 0.313"-0.375") on each pipe attach the diverter pipes to the side panels and the ramp. The color should match the side panel.



**Step 5:** Using 3 short rivets (1/8" x 0.313"-0.375") per side, attach the front panel to red side panel and the blue side panel through the pre-drilled holes.

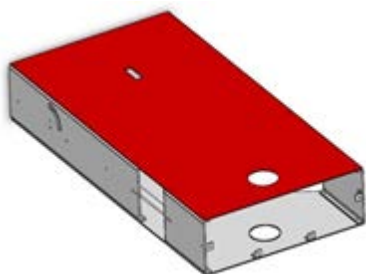


**Step 7:** Insert one red divider pipe into the splitter ramp on the red side and one blue divider pipe into the splitter ramp on the blue side. These pipes are a tight fit in the hole.

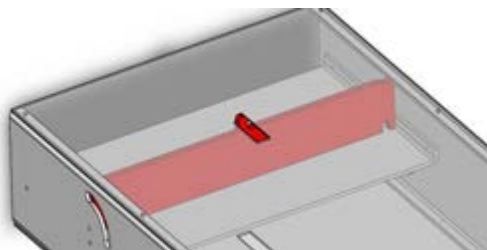


**NOTE:** Insert all six rivets into the diverter pipe and center structure pre-drilled holes to align before riveting to panels to keep parts straight.

**Step 9:** Remove protective film and add a front panel to the goal assembly. The orientation should match the existing front panel. Secure with 10 short rivets (1/8" x 0.313-0.375") to side panels and splitter ramp.

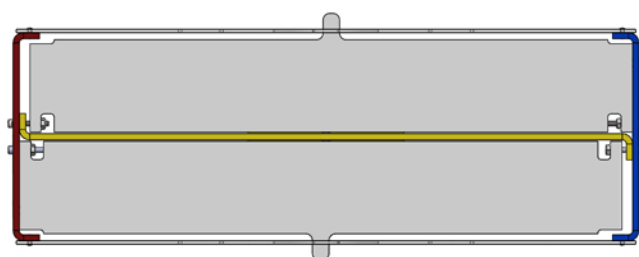


**Step 10:** Place one ball tray into the assembly. The tongue should sit in the slot on the front panel.



**NOTE:** Ball tray tongue will not be centered in the slot on the front panels.

**Step 11:** Two different length 10-32 screws are used to attach the ball tray. The longer 10-32 x 1.250" SHCS is used on the side where the upper cross brace flange is. The shorter 10-32 x 1.000" SHCS is used on the side where there is no flange. These screws act as the pivot point for the ball tray. Be careful not to over-tighten screws.



Top view

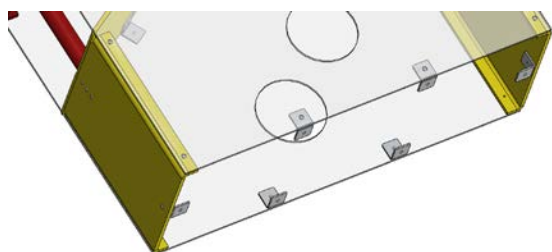
10-32 x 1.000" SHCS

10-32 x 1.250" SHCS

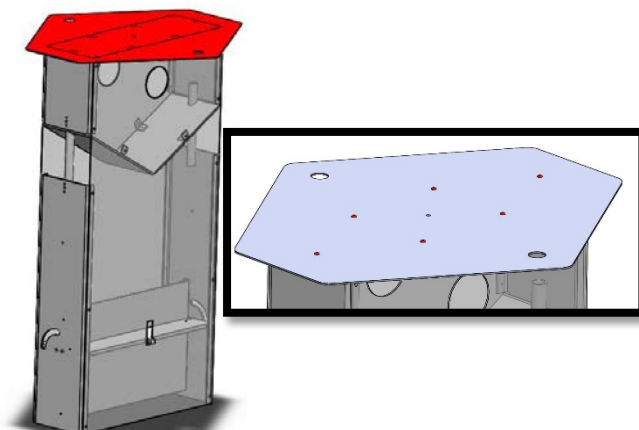
**NOTE:** Be careful not to over-tighten screws.

**Step 12:** Add four 90° bolt brackets to the both front panels and ramp and secure using short rivets (1/8" x 0.313"-0.375").

These brackets have two different sized holes. Rivet through the smaller hole.



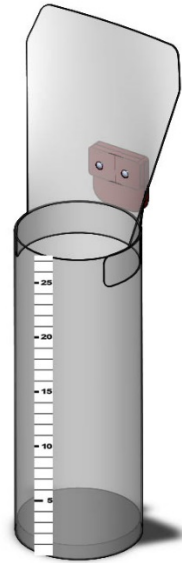
**Step 13:** With the assembly upside-down secure the floor plate to the 90° bolt brackets using six 10-32 x 0.375 BHCS and 10-32 locknuts.



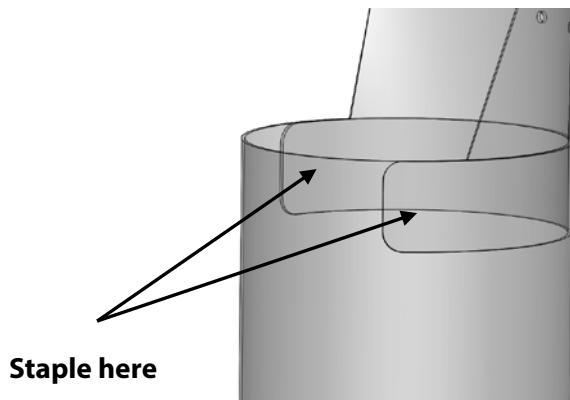
## 120cm Center Goal Assembly

### **Tools**

Rivet Tool  
Standard Stapler

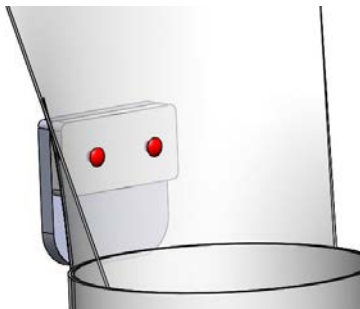


**Step 2:** Using a standard stapler, firmly staple each plastic backboard tab to the goal tube.



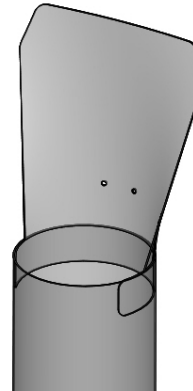
**Step 4:** Using two long rivets (1/8" x .501-.625") rivets fasten the clip and spacer to the backboard.

The rivet flanges should be on the inside face of the backboard.

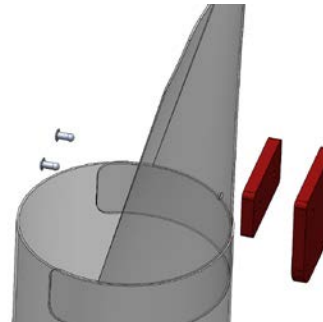


**Step 1:** Insert flat plastic backboard into 275mm Goal Tube.

The top of the tabs should be aligned with the top of the tube and the outer diameter of the backboard should match the inner diameter of the tube.



**Step 3:** Align the holes on the backboard clip and the backboard spacer so that the backboard spacer is sandwiched between the clip and the backboard.

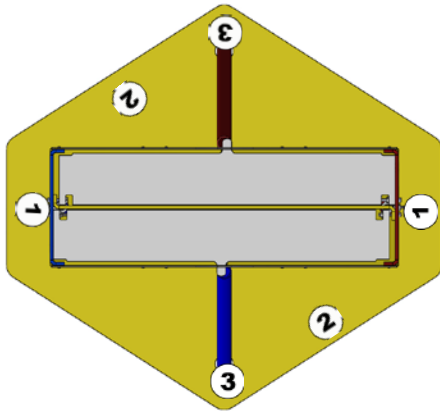


**Step 5:** Apply one 275mm measuring tape sticker to goal tube directly opposite the backboard clip. The tape should count up from the bottom of the goal.



## Center Field Structure Finishing Details

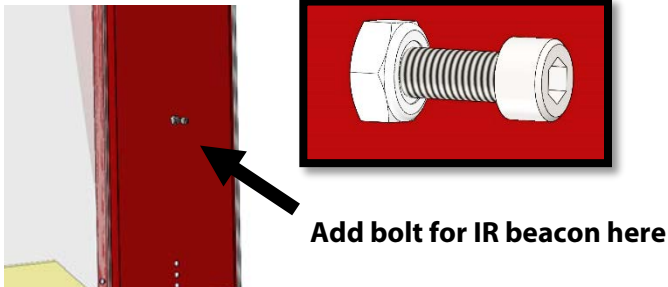
1. Place Base Number Stickers in the following locations on the base. These will be used to align center field structure before each match.



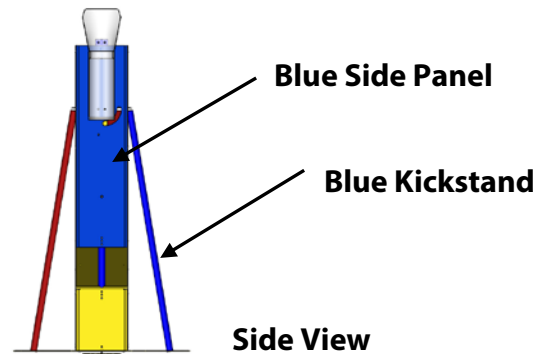
2. Apply FTC Decal to top edge of the Center Field Structure



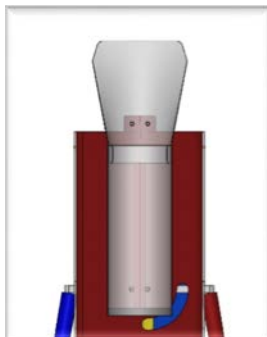
3. Add 10-32 x 1.000 SHCS to hang IR beacon on both the red and blue side panel. Screw should stick out from side of panel.



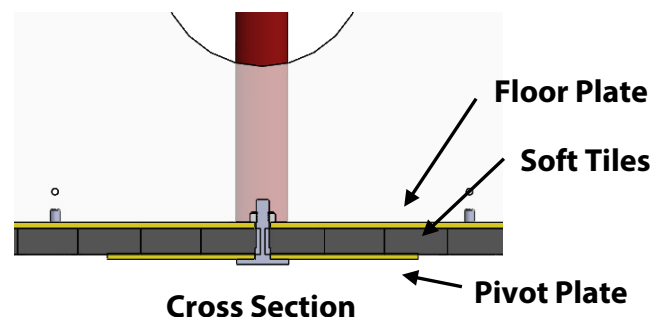
4. Kickstands are positioned to hold up ball tray with the bottom of the pipe sitting the base cutouts. The side panel color should match the kickstand located on the right side when looking at a side view.



5. The center goal should be centered on the side panel of matching color.



6. With the center structure placed on the soft tile playing surface, add center pivot using center pivot bolt and locknut.

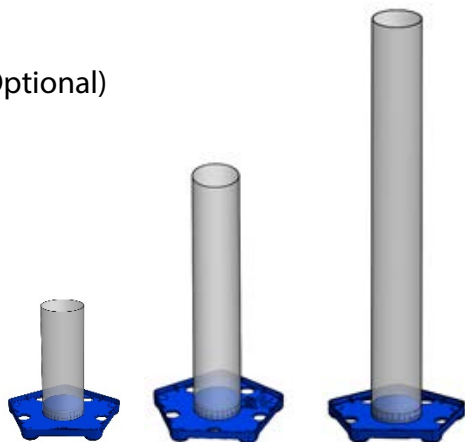


**NOTE:** To ensure Field Center Structure is secure but not over-tightened, tighten lock nut until flush with floor plate. The turn nut an additional 3/4 rotation.

## Rolling Goal Assembly

### Tools

Rubber Mallet (Optional)



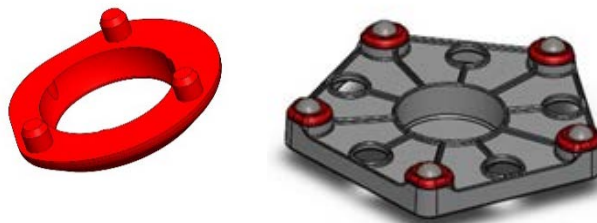
**NOTE:** Assembly process is the same for all 3 Rolling Goal Sizes.

*A red and blue goal of each size is used on the field.*

**Step 1:** Add five 1" Bearing Balls to the indents in the Red Pentagon Base.



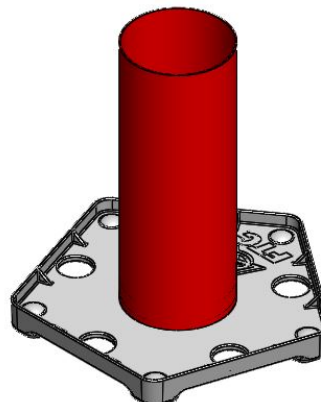
**Step 2:** Secure the five bearing balls to the base by pressing in the caster caps until they're flush with the base. This can be done by hand, or a rubber mallet may be used.



**Step 3:** Apply the stick-on measuring tape to the outside of the goal tube. This can be done by peeling the backing off, laying the label down on a flat surface and carefully rolling the tube across the label.

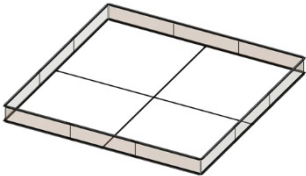

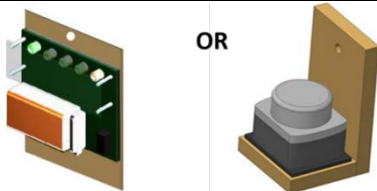








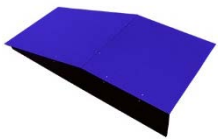


**Step 4:** Insert the goal tube onto the base on the side opposite the casters. The numbers on the measuring tape should be right side up when the goal is sitting on the floor.





## FIELD REQUIREMENTS

Component	QTY	Part Photo	Source
FTC Field Perimeter	1		<a href="http://www.andymark.com/FTC-Field-p/am-0481a.htm">http://www.andymark.com/FTC-Field-p/am-0481a.htm</a>
5/8" Gray Soft Tiles	36		<a href="http://www.andymark.com/product-p/am-softtiles.htm">http://www.andymark.com/product-p/am-softtiles.htm</a>
IR Beacon (Either HBK2100 or FTCBCN)	2		<a href="http://www.hitechnic.com/">http://www.hitechnic.com/</a> <a href="http://www.andymark.com/product-p/am-2978.htm">http://www.andymark.com/product-p/am-2978.htm</a>
Large Ball	40		<a href="http://www.andymark.com/product-p/am-2968full.htm">http://www.andymark.com/product-p/am-2968full.htm</a>
Small Ball	120		
2" "Red" Gaffers Tape	as needed		<a href="http://www.findtape.com">http://www.findtape.com</a> (pro gaff tape) <a href="http://www.andymark.com/product-p/am-2967.htm">http://www.andymark.com/product-p/am-2967.htm</a>
2" "Electric Blue" Gaffers Tape	as needed		<a href="http://www.findtape.com">http://www.findtape.com</a> (pro gaff tape) <a href="http://www.andymark.com/product-p/am-2967.htm">http://www.andymark.com/product-p/am-2967.htm</a>

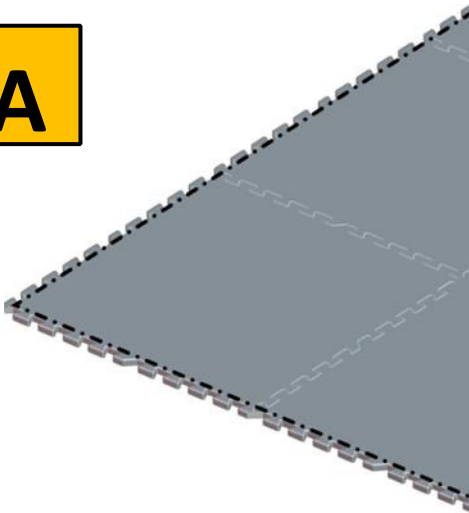
Center Field Structure	1		<b>AndyMark am-2835</b>
Red Ramp/Platform	1		<b>AndyMark am-2836r</b>
Blue Ramp/Platform	1		<b>AndyMark am-2836b</b>
Red 30cm Rolling Goal	1		<b>AndyMark am-2832r</b>
Red 60cm Rolling Goal	1		
Red 90cm Rolling Goal	1		
Blue 30cm Rolling Goal	1		<b>AndyMark am-2832b</b>
Blue 60cm Rolling Goal	1		
Blue 90cm Rolling Goal	1		

**All Official Field Elements can be found on <http://www.andymark.com/FTC>.  
DIY plans for wooden practice models are available for the Center Field Structure  
and the Ramp/Platforms**



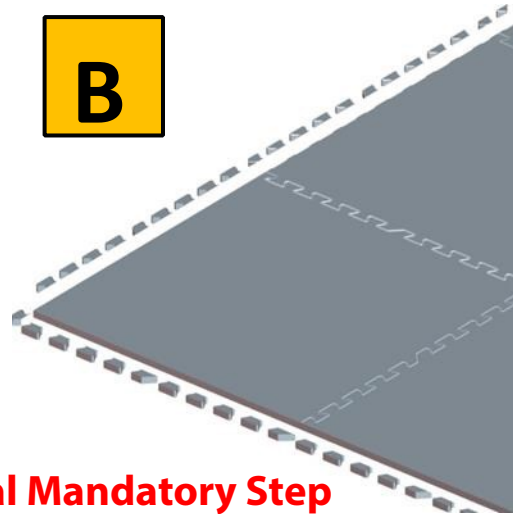
## Setting up the Floor and Field Perimeter

**A**



- A. Lay the tiles with the **smooth** surface facing up.

**B**

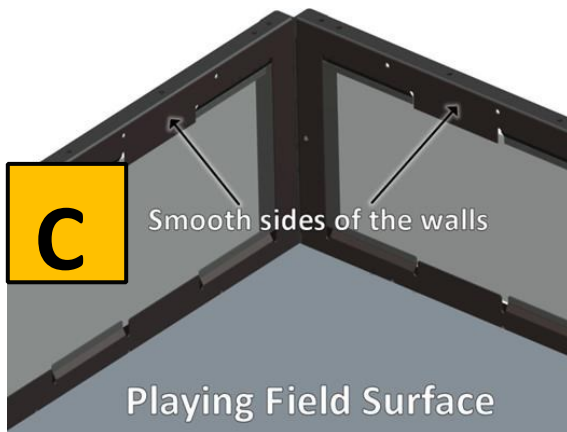


### Critical Mandatory Step

- B. Critical Mandatory Step: Trim all outer tabs from the Soft Tiles.**

**NOTE:** Lay the tiles out and mark the outer edge to be cut. Use a sharp box cutter and a straight edge or a band saw (if available) to get a smooth clean edge

**C**



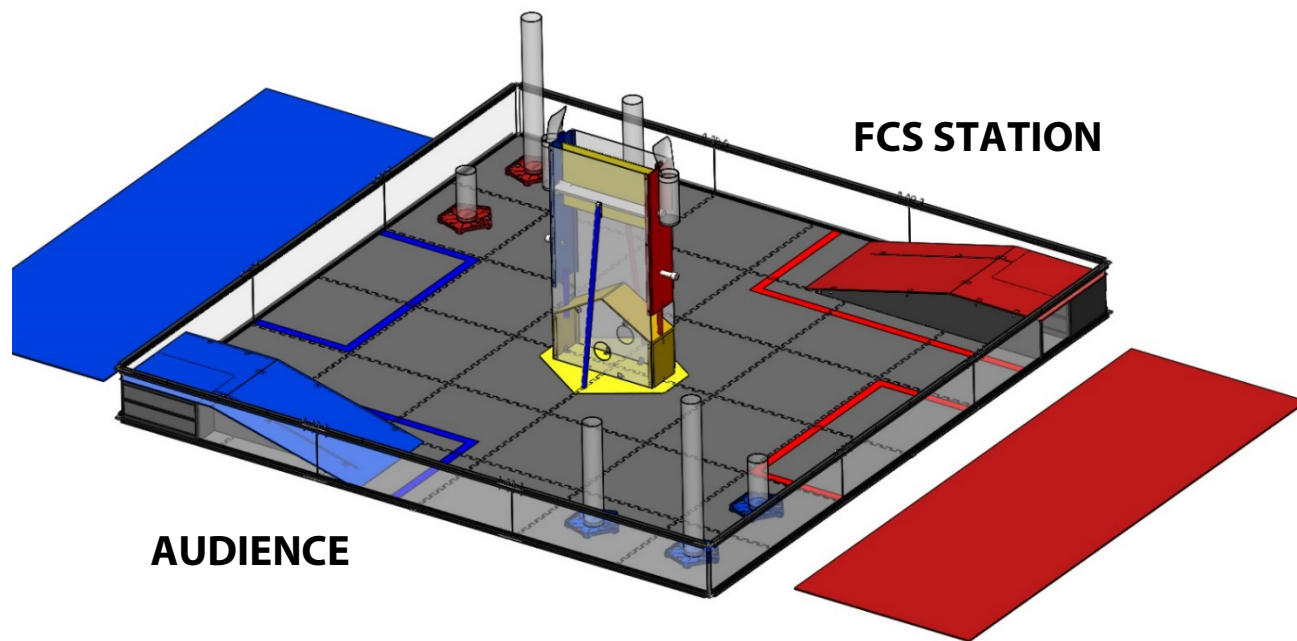
- C. Note that there are several FTC Playing Field wall designs. The wall designs fall into two categories:

- 1) symmetrical inside and outside surfaces; and
- 2) smooth on one side and an open cavity on the other side.

The smooth/noncavity sides should face towards the inside of the Playing Field as shown in the illustration. If the wall has a cavity, it should be oriented so that it faces outside the Playing Field.

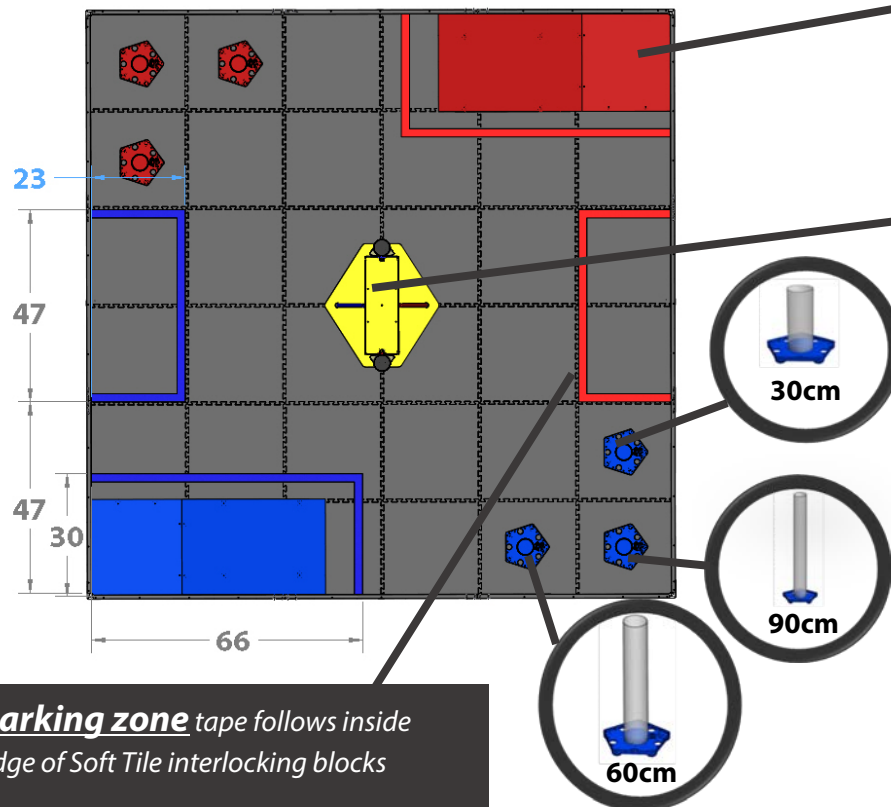
**Follow the set-up instructions supplied with your Field for details.**

## Field Layout and Orientation



## Tape Diagram and Field Element Placement

Tape dimensions measured to outside edge of tape. All tape is 2" wide.



**Ramp/Platform** is placed in the corner of the field with the crate towards the field perimeter

**Center Field Structure** is located 3 tiles in from each edge in the center of the playing field floor. Center Pivot sits under tiles.

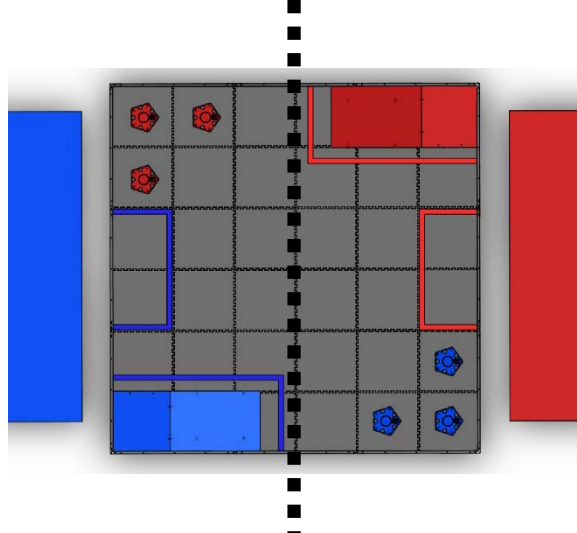
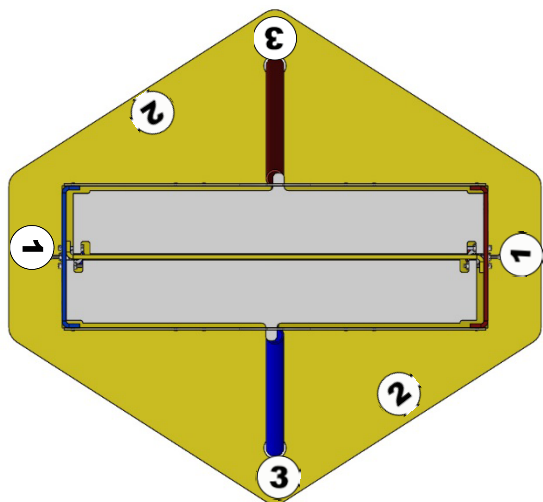
**Rolling Goals** are centered in a tile, with the 90cm Rolling Goal in the corner, the 60cm Rolling Goal one tile towards the Alliance am, and the 30cm Rolling Goal one tile from the corner toward the opposing Alliance Parking Zone.

**Parking zone** tape follows inside edge of Soft Tile interlocking blocks

## Center Field Structure Starting Locations

Referees will rotate the Center Field Structure into 1 of 3 random positions with respect to the Alliance Station. The positions are as shown below.

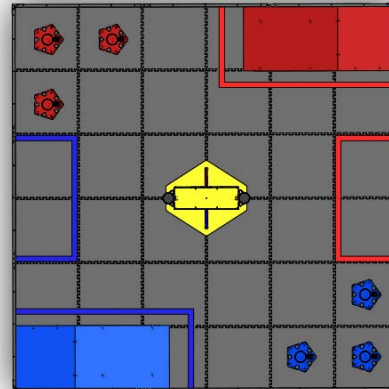
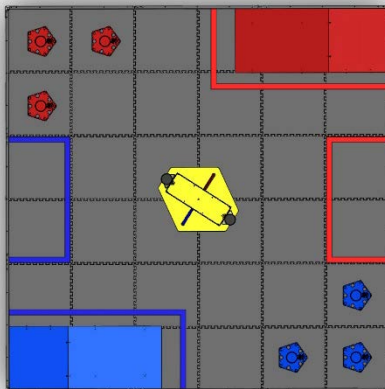
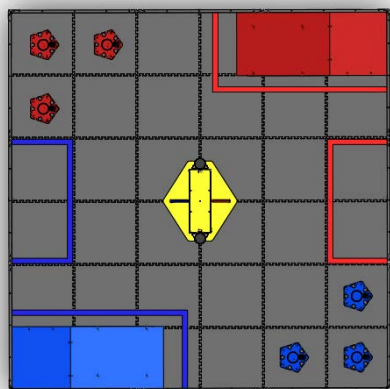
Sides of the Center Field Structure are labeled 1-3 and the number at the start of each match one number should be aligned with the center Soft Tile seam bisecting the playing field between the opposing alliance stations and that numbered edge should be parallel with the field perimeter.



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AUDIENCE

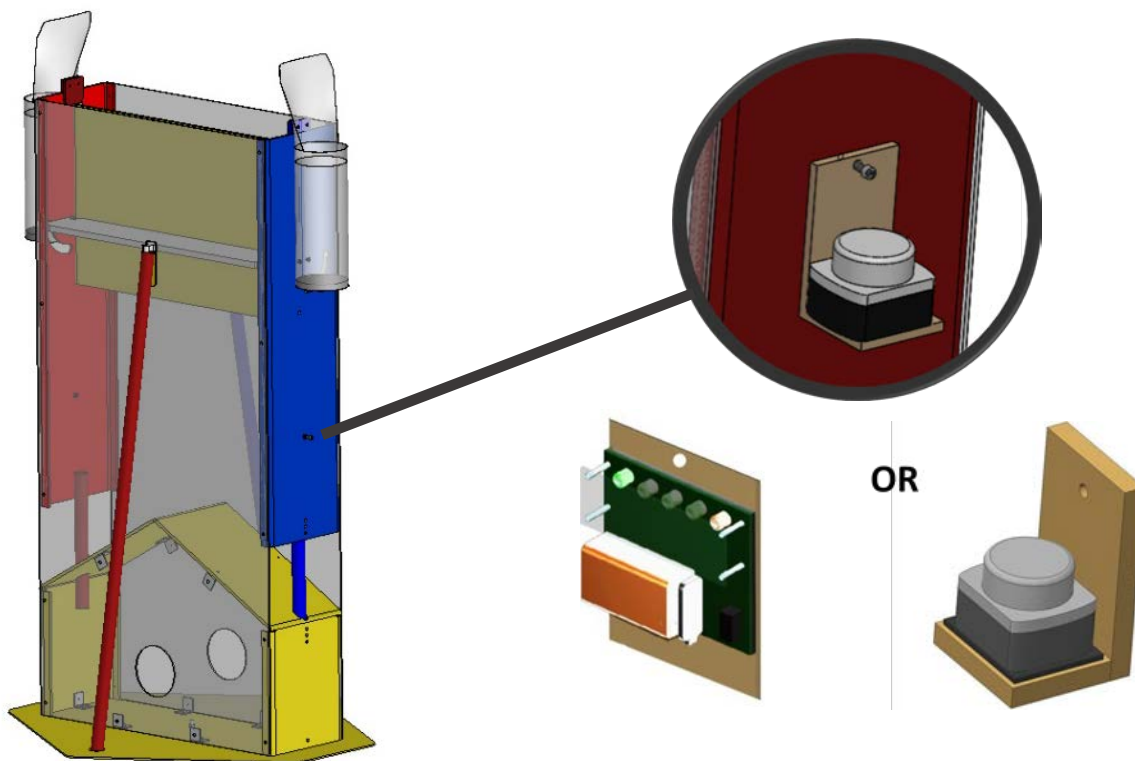
**NOTE:** The blue kickstand should always face towards either the blue parking zone, blue ramp/platform, OR Audience.

The red kickstand should always face towards the red parking zone, red ramp/platform FCS station.

## IR Beacon Placement

Place one IR Beacon on each hanging bolt on both the red and blue side panels.

There are two styles of IR Beacons available for the 2014-2015 season. Note that you should use the same style of beacon per Field. Do not mix an older style beacon with a newer style beacon on the same Field. Either use all newer style beacons (HBK2100) or all older style beacons (FTCBCN) on a single Field



**NOTE:** For this season's game the four position switch should be set so the beacon is running in **1.2 KHz mode (the two leftmost positions)**. This is the same frequency mode that the older style beacons (#FTCBCN) use. You can run the beacon in either 180° (leftmost) or 360° mode (second from left). If you run your beacon in 180° mode, then make sure the active side of the beacon is facing outward towards the playing field (and away from the back of the wooden hanger). There are red LEDs on the printed circuit board of the new IR beacon. A lit red LED indicates that a side of the beacon is active. In 180° mode only one of the LEDs will be lit. In 360° mode both red LEDs will be lit.