



# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

**Requested Team** University of Toronto      **Date** October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Competition** GNCTR 2024      **RFI No.** RFI\_015 Rev. 02

## ISSUE DESCRIPTION AND REASON FOR RFI

We are unable to find the requirements for the shipping container's dimensions i.e. max length, width, and height, and weight.

What are the dimensional limitations placed on us by the shipping company that OC is working with to move our containers from the warehouse to the technical exhibition and the race location?

Additionally, will there be a cost associated with the internal movements of the toboggan that teams should be aware of for budgeting purposes?

## RESPONSE

The Toboggan crate must follow the maximum measurements of: 8' x 4' x (6'-8') and < 900lbs. Anything outside the maximum dimensions/weight is not acceptable. No exceptions will be made to this rule. Any crate that is deemed to exceed the dimensions/weight will be accountable for the additional cost of storage and transportation, as well as point deduction(s).

The warehouse personnel will offload crates once they arrive at the warehouse, however, your shipping company will have to provide advance notice to the warehouse before they arrive.

There will be no additional costs associated with internal movements (local transportation) of the toboggan (i.e. Tech Ex. & Race Day) that Teams will be responsible for.

Rulebook Revision 6 will include an update to Rule 3.5: "Transportation to Technical Exhibition and Race Day venues will be completed by the selected shipping company by the OC. The Toboggan crate must follow the maximum measurements of: 8' x 4' x (6'-8') and < 900lbs. Anything outside the maximum dimensions/weight is not acceptable and Teams found to be non-compliant will be accountable for additional costs for storage and transportation, as well as point deduction(s)."



**Revision 001:**

Teams are permitted **only** one (1) crate.

More than one (1) crate will not be acceptable and will result in a point deduction greater than the minimum in Table 4 in Rulebook Version 6, even if the additional crates are within set crate dimensions.

**Revision 002:**

As per email from GNCTR 2024 Co-Chair:

Compliant crate dimensions/specifications = 8' x 4' x (6-7'); < 1500 pounds

- The crate height dimension has been reduced from 8' to 7' due to venue constraints, outside of the control of the OC.
- '*GNCTR 2024 Crate Assistance Guideline*' has been created based on past Logistics Decisions guidelines and is available for all Teams to reference.

ALL teams to complete '*No Surprise Crate Checklist*' and return to VP Race Day, [raceday@gnctr2024.ca](mailto:raceday@gnctr2024.ca), by **Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (11:59:59 PM NST)**.

the deductions in the Rulebook have removed the ambiguity that currently reads "higher point deduction at the discretion of the OC". The deductions will be applied to the overall team score and up to 3 points can be deducted for the following:

- 0.75 for non-compliance with the specified length dimension
- 0.75 for non-compliance with the specified width dimension
- 0.5 for non-compliance with the specified height dimension
- 0.5 for non-compliance with the specified weight limit
- 0.5 for incomplete, inaccurate, or late No Surprise Crate Checklist form
- \* 2.0 for sending more than one (1) crate, even if crates are within specified dimensions. This would equate the deductions of non-compliant length, width & height crate dimensions.

The OC will not be responding to any further queries regarding this topic or challenges to the intent of these rules as we believe sufficient justification has been provided.

Any genuine questions regarding rules or shipping, can be directed to Christian Pelley, VP Technical ([technical@gnctr2024.ca](mailto:technical@gnctr2024.ca)) or Alex Gibbons, VP Race Day ([raceday@gnctr2024.ca](mailto:raceday@gnctr2024.ca)) respectively.

All changes in requirements, specifications, and deductions can be found in **Revision 007** of the Rulebook.