Indy Autonomous Challenge Team Leaders:

As part of our ongoing efforts to adjust the rules and requirements of the Indy Autonomous Challenge (IAC) to account for impacts to you and your Team Members caused by the Coronavirus, we’re writing to share the following formal modifications to the IAC Rules. This Rules Update #3 builds upon the previously circulated Rules Update #1 (20 March 2020) and Rules Update #2 (6 April 2020).

**Hackathon #2: Online-only format**

Rules Update #2 changed the date of Hackathon #2 from May to August 20, 2020, so as to align with the rescheduled Indy 500. By doing this, it was our intent to host you and your Team Members at IMS not only for our full event, but also for all of the Indy 500 weekend perks and experiences originally planned for May.

In light of travel and other restrictions imposed by institutions, companies, and/or States upon the overwhelming majority of our IAC Teams and our sponsors, including our Simulation Sponsor Ansys, it has become clear that an in-person event in August in Indianapolis isn’t feasible.

Accordingly, Hackathon #2 will be an online-only experience; no in person participation will be accommodated. Instead, Teams will only join and participate via a remote platform. Details of the platform as well as the curriculum will follow. Note that while the format of Hackathon #2 is changing to online-only, it is still mandatory for all Teams to participate.

While we’re disappointed that we won’t see you in person in August, we look forward to hosting you for fun-filled weekend in May of 2021 taking in the Indy 500, Miller Lite Carb Day, Legends Day, Dallara headquarters, and other adventures in Indianapolis.

**Round #2 deliverable timeline and criteria**

While the required criteria for and date of the submission remains as described in Rules Update #1 – allowing for the submission of preexisting videos that Teams may have of automated vehicle operations, regardless of demonstrated vehicular functions, of any duration – we recognize that this requirement is still imposing a logistical burden on some Teams who, if not for Coronavirus restrictions, would be able to easily complete this deliverable.

Accordingly, we will continue to revisit this requirement and to consider alternatives that may differ from these existing criteria while still achieving their intent, which is to ensure IAC Teams have a reasonable level of real-world automation experience by this stage of the competition, and avoiding unnecessary disqualifications.
Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns about these changes. We hope that through subtle, strategic refinements in our scope and timeline as the impacts of the Coronavirus play out, we’ll keep you focused on achieving what matters most to you and us: Advancing your efforts to prepare for October 23, 2021.

Thank you
The Indy Autonomous Challenge Team