I don't know if this will make a difference, but my brother has a black 3ds and I have a blue one. Anyways, my brother always gets spotpass notifications before me. I don't know if this could lead to a problem with my 3ds, but does anyone know why it does this?

are you both running off the same internet connection?

Yes

okay, well, it also might have something to do with how far away from the router you both are. if he's closer, he might get notifications faster than you. i know that it takes longer to recieve data when i'm on the opposite end of the house as my router.

Maybe, I usually keep mine in my room on the charger when I'm not using it, and he usually keeps it on the couch, which is in the same room as the modem/router (although the house is small). But I forgot to mention before that it usually takes a half hour to the next day(my brother usually gets the notifications at night) for my 3ds to receive the notifications.
well, that seems like a little bit too big of a difference to be caused by distance from the router... i am not quite sure what else to say. except maybe if the clocks are set differently. either way, as long as you eventually are recieving the notifications, i wouldn't really worry about it too much.

Ok, thank you for helping. 😊

your very much welcome. just glad i could help 😊