

Prairie Sumo Tethered

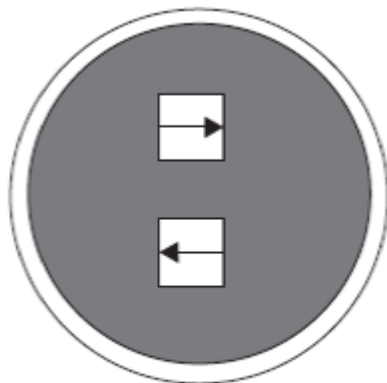
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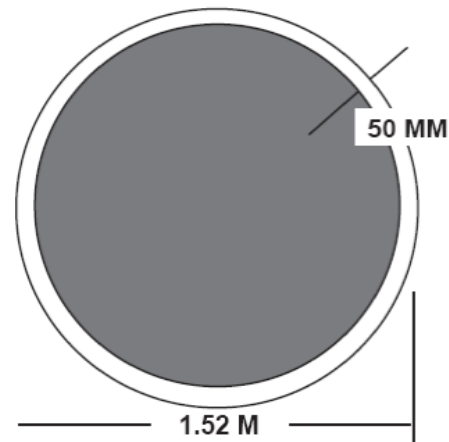
- Code: PST
- Control: Tethered
- Open to: Gr 12 (see below)
- Max Robot Size: 1 meter perimeter
- Weight limit: 3 kilograms
- Size of Playing field: 1.52 meters (see details below)
- Explanation: The object is for two robots to try to push each other out of the ring.

For robot size, weight, ring diameter and competitor eligibility [Top Grade Limit], consult the following table:

Type	Class	Group	Max Size	Max Weight	Top Gr Limit	Ring Dia.
Prairie Sumo	Tethered	PST	1m Perimeter	3 Kg	Gr 12	1.52 m
Prairie Sumo	Auto	PSA	1m Perimeter	3Kg	University	1.52 m



Starting Positions



Preface: **The** Manitoba Robot Games (MRG) has opted not to follow the official FSI All Japan Robot Sumo Tournament (FSI-AJRST) rules. This has been done in order to tailor competitions to available components and facilitate greater competitor participation.

Match Definition: **A match** shall be a competition between two robots. Each robot must have a designated driver. The driver may not be changed within a match unless they are injured or become ill and cannot physically continue. Each robot competes to push its opponent beyond the perimeter of the defined Sumo Ring (playing field).

Playing field: **The 1.52m** diameter black playing field is bordered by a 50 mm white border. **The** surface of the playing field is made of laminate and sits approximately 7 cm above ground level. **Five** holes have been drilled into the surface of the playing field, and objects may be attached through these holes to provide obstacles, around or over, which the robots must navigate.

Robot Specifications: **The** robot must be able to be constrained (surrounded) by a flexible sheath 1 meter in length. There are no restrictions on height. **The** maximum weight including accessories, excluding the hand controller and tether,

must be less than or equal to that specified in the above table as weighed on the scale provided by the MRG for registration for the competition. (It is highly recommended that a method be incorporated into the robot design to adjust the weight if the intention of the team is to attain the maximum weight at registration).

Any robot found losing its body parts will also lose the round except for a screw or nut (no larger than 1cm³).

A design to stretch a robot's body, its parts, or opening up after the start of the round shall be allowed.

Restrictions: **Power** - No Fuel Cells allowed.

If using Lithium based batteries, the robot is to be fitted with a removable fuse. (See "MRG General Rules 2020" page 3 for more information)

Metal attack surfaces are strictly forbidden. "Attack surfaces" are the surfaces that are designed to contact the opponents robot with the intention to lift or reduce its traction, and especially if the surface is to scrape along the surface of the playing field.

Robot Identification: **The** MRG identification sticker(s) (as supplied while registering in the contest) must be placed on the robot so as to be easily readable on the robot's body while the robot is in competition.

Game Principles: **Each** match consists of up to three rounds with a total time of three minutes. **Each** round starts at the judge's command and continues until one robot pushes the opposing robot off the playing field or time expires. **The** first team to win two rounds within the time limit is awarded the match. **When** neither team can push the other off the playing field the winner will be decided by the judges based on displayed strategy or aggressiveness. However, if no obvious superiority exists and a winner cannot be determined, an extra one minute round may be played. **The** judges will decide when a round is won

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Game Procedure

Beginning of the Game: **At the** judge's instruction, the robots are placed in the playing field 20 cm apart and an equal distance from the centre of the playing field .The robots are set down parallel to each other and facing opposite directions so that robots must actively search for their opponent and not merely "steam roll" straight forward. **The** team that places their robot in the Playing field first shall select the direction their robot is to face and the second robot placed within the playing field will be required to be placed facing the opposite direction. **When** both contestants are ready, the judge will signal the start of the three minute match at which time the robots may be activated. No movement must occur before the official start (i.e. no posturing). **A team** may halt the start, just once, no later than 10 seconds upon the start of one round without penalty. This allows for last moment emergencies (such as a competitor forgetting to plug in a battery). The start can be delayed no longer than 60 seconds.

End of the Game: **The match** ends when the judge announces the match is over.

Cancellation/Rematches: **The** round stops and resumes when a judge announces so. The round may also be cancelled and a rematch called for by the judges when:
Both robots are in a clinch and stop movements for 5 seconds, or move in the same orbit for 5 seconds with no progress being made.
If both robots appear to touch the outside of the playing field at approximately the same time, and a judge cannot determine which robot touched first, a rematch may be called.

A successful round: Your robot may be awarded a round when:

- **Your** have legally forced the body of your opponent's robot to touch the space outside the Playing field. A robot whose body, wheel, or other support hangs over the edge is not considered outside the Playing field until it physically tips or touches the surface beyond the Playing field perimeter.
- **Your** opponent's robot has tipped or touched the space outside the Playing field, on its own.
- **Either** of the above takes place at the same time that the End of the Match is announced.
- **Your** opponent's robot is disqualified or has had more than one violation or warning.
- **Your** opponent's robot becomes disabled (flipped on its back or side, for instance) and is unable to move in the Playing field.

When the judges' decision is called for to decide the winner, the following points will be taken into considerations:

- * **Technical** merits in movement and operation of a robot.
- * **Attitude** of the players during the match.
- * **Which** robot exhibited the best effort.

Warnings: **Contests** WILL start within a reasonable time, once announced.
 A contestant who takes any of the following actions will receive a warning...

- In the event a contestant fails to respond to the announced start time.
- The contestant(s) enters into the playing field during the match, except when the team does so to bring the robot out of the playing field upon the judge's announcement of a point or after the round/match is stopped. To enter into the playing field means a part of a team member's body is on or directly above the playing field.
- Halts the start of a round more than the one time allowed.
- A robot moves before the judges start signal.

When a contestant receives two warnings, that contestant's opponent will be awarded the match.

MRG General Rules: **Failure** to follow the MRG General Rules may result in the following:
Warning being issued, or
Disqualification and loss of the round, or
Disqualification from competition and or event.