

European Robot Challenge

Humanoid Sprint Rules

Note: All rules are subject to change without notice. Document strongly based on Robot Challenge rules.

Name of Event: Humanoid Sprint

Short Description: Human-like robots have to complete a course by walking or running as fast as possible.

1. Requirements for Robots

- A. The robot must be a two legged walking humanoid biped that must shift its center of gravity to maintain its balance when walking.
- B. When walking, one foot must lift off the floor, while the other foot is balancing the robot.
- C. When walking, the foot that balances the robot must have a knee-joint angle greater than 90 degrees. At any point if this is not the case, the robot will not be considered walking.
- D. The feet can be of any shape and form as long as all of the following are maintained:
 - a. The robot's foot is defined as the part of the robot that is contacting the surface of the arena (ground).
 - b. The maximum length (size) of the foot must be less than 50% of the length of the extended robot's leg. The leg length is defined as the distance between where the robots foot touches the ground and the axis that connects the leg to the upper body of the robot.
 - c. The maximum length of the foot must be less than 20 cm.
- E. When robot is standing or walking, a rectangular outline around the left and right feet shall not overlap.
- F. The robot must have 2 arms. Each arm extended length shall not exceed the extended leg length.
- G. The robot must have a head.

2. Requirements for the Arena

2.1. Field Dimensions

The track has a width of at least 70 cm and is of any color. It is framed with a board of at least 8 cm height of any colour. The distance between start and the finish line is 200 cm. The start and finish lines are black and have a width of 15 mm.

3. Game

3.1. Aim of the Game

The robots compete one after each other. Each robot must walk forward from the start line to the finish line as fast as possible.

3.2. Course Time

Time is measured from the start signal until the time the robot crosses the finish line. A robot is deemed to have crossed the line when the forward most part of the robot contacts or crosses over the line.

3.3. Time Limit

A maximum of 3 minutes is allowed for a robot to complete the course. A robot that cannot complete the course in the allotted time shall be taken out. The successfully managed distance shall be noticed for scoring.

3.4. Timekeeping

Time shall be measured by an electronic gate system or by a judge with a stopwatch, based on the availability of equipment. In either case the recorded time shall be final.

3.5. Autonomous Control

Once a robot has crossed the starting line it must remain fully autonomous, or it will be disqualified.

3.6. Slipdown

A slipdown occurs when a robot falls down. If the robot fails to get up within a 10 second countdown, the robot shall be taken out. The successfully managed distance shall be noticed for scoring.

3.7. Scoring

The fastest robot completing the course wins. If no robot manages to complete the course, the robot, which covered the longest distance, wins. Only the part where the robot walks as described in the requirements (1.A – 1.C) will be counted.

4. Declaring Objections

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- A. No objections shall be declared against the judges' decisions.
- B. The lead person of a team can present objections to the Committee, before the match is over, if there are any doubts in the exercising of these rules. If there are no Committee members present, the objection can be presented to the judge before the match is over.

5. Flexibility of Rules

As long as the concept and fundamentals of the rules are observed, these rules shall be flexible enough to encompass the changes in the number of players and of the contents of matches. Modifications or abolition of the rules can be made by the local event organizers as long as they are published prior to the event, and are consistently maintained throughout the event.

6. Liability

- A. Participating teams are always responsible for the safety of their robots and are liable for any accidents caused by their team members or their robots.
- B. The European Robot Challenge organization and the organizing team members will never be held responsible nor liable for any incidents and / or accidents caused by participating teams or their equipment.