



Non Robotic

REQUIRED



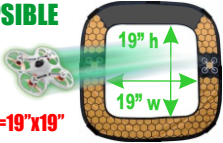
NR1. OPENING
 Minimum: 4 square feet (576 sq in)
 Maximum: none

NR2. STABLE BASE
 Can't easily be knocked over.

SUGGESTED

NRS1. 3" Edge
 Greatly improves visibility at high speeds

NRS2. Lighting
 Greatly improves visibility with low lighting

req	suggested		
	AREA	EDGE	
576+	3"		
✓ 600 sq in	✓	✓	VERSA GATE 
✓ 1,017 sq in	!	!	HULA HOOP  $1,017 \text{ sq in} = 3.14 \times (18" \times 18")$
✗ 361 sq in	✓	!	COLLAPSIBLE GATES  $361 \text{ sq in} = 19" \times 19"$



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RR1. OPENING
 Min: 6" dia. circular opening even when oscillating

Maximum: none

RR2. PREDICTABILITY
 Warriors must be able to determine what the obstacle opening will look like when they reach it to adjust their flight path.
 Motion based obstacles must be **predictable**.

Predictability can be accomplished by:

- constant motion path algorithm (ei. servo pwm generator)
- integrated lighting scene that makes use of light patterns and / or colors to indicate a change of pattern (ei. just like a stop light, yellow says we are going red in a few seconds so get ready to stop)

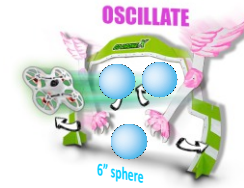
RR3. AMPLE REACTION TIME

Robotic obstacles placement should enable approaching warriors enough time to judge the best obstacle entry / line. Warrior vision is restricted with FPV cameras. Pilots can't just turn their heads to see what's coming up next.

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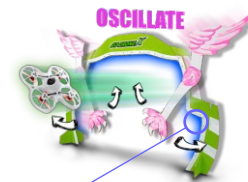
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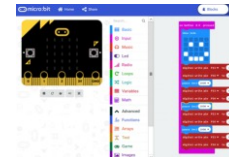
At any time during the arm oscillation there is at least one **predictable** 6" sphere that can pass.



Oscillating arm pattern is programmed for constant **predictable** motion like pwm generators (aka servo testers).



Programming **scenes** with both lighting and servo motion deliver **predictable** change of motion pattern so warriors can fairly adjust their flight path.



Warriors can spot the next obstacle due to enough space and obstacle alignment to adjust flight path



Warrior's FPV field of view limits sight line so they don't have enough reaction time to adjust their flight path which leads to crashes **NOT** due to pilot error.

field of view

hairpin



VARSITY COURSE GUIDELINES

- V1. There is no minimum number of obstacles for Varsity.
- V2. Target battlefield designs with **20 second orbit times** for experienced Varsity warriors.
20 sec laps = ~ 20 orbits per battle.



GENERAL GUIDELINES

- G1. Bigger obstacles are better than smaller. Encourage success and speed with portal size.



- G2. Team paddock should have at least one 6 outlet extension.



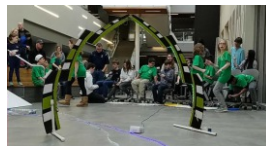
- G3. Avoid chairs in team paddock area. No one sits. Chairs just get in the way. Stack them.



- G4. Have a Faraday area for repairs requiring power ups. Usually down the hall and around the corner is far enough to avoid video interference. Test before event.



- G4. Warriors start all battles with the drones sitting in front of the teams, not separate start areas.



Why? Every time there is a technical issues (someone on the wrong frequency), warriors won't have to leave their seats. Lot's of flying this way.

- G6. If possible maintain at least 10' between warrior team chairs.

Plugging in batteries to drone VTX's can cause brief interference. More space between competing team means less chance of video problems.



more space between teams the better

JUNIOR VARSITY

REQUIRED

- JV1. Obstacles
 - ✂ 3 - 6 gates (not portals)
 - ✂ Finish Gate (not portal) 3'+ wide

Finish Gate Ideas



Gate vs Portal ?

GATE

- 4 constrained sides
- bottom is the ground



Gates are easier for JV warriors since they can "scoot" on the ground.



JV Battlefield

PORTAL



Portals are harder. They require altitude control.



JV Battlefield

JV COURSE GUIDELINES

- JV2. JV Battlefield (course) should yield at least **15 complete orbits** (laps) total for all of the 5 battles (races) combined.

Target at least 3 orbits for a complete 8 minute battle. Simplicity. Don't worry about JV teams that bang out 20+ orbits in 8 minutes. They can always level up to Varsity next event.

- JV3. JV battlefield designs **ENCOURAGE** success, not failure.

A typical JV warrior has less than 20 total FPV flights and courses should reflect pilots very limited skill sets. We want to encourage JV'ers to come back not discourage them with unflyable courses.

- JV4. JV battlefield designs should be able to scoot (ride along the ground) like a car. Avoid flight paths with wires on the floor that JV'er's must "step over".

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School	Warriors	Group	Freq	ROUNDS					Sum		
				R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Best 3	Place	
JFK	Brook/Jack	JV	R1	17	19	2/6	1/5	6/7		1	
BHS	Will/Bowden			R3	2	3	10	1/2	5		3
NT	Raven/William			R6	1	23	10	3/4	10		
WHS	Soren/Adrian/Abbie/Andrew	JV	R7	4							
VMS	Sregia/Deppha/Karasi			R1	40	2	1/10	3	10		
VMS	Soren/Adrian/Abbie			R3	1	8	2	1/2	4		
VMS	Alan/Adrian	JV	R6	0	4	0	3/6				
VMS	Bobby/Socia			R7	3	8	1/4	2			

Keep JV courses VERY simple. Target at least 3 laps for even for the least skilled JV team. Encourage success.



avoid loose wires that scooting JV'er's have to step over