Climbing Robot Challenge: Dual-Pier Mission

Objective: Complete a sequential mission on two pier diameters (\emptyset 0.3m $\rightarrow \emptyset$ 0.6m) with an intermediate power-off stability test.

Mission Sequence & Rules

1. Phase 1: Ascent & Zero-Power Lock (Ø 0.3m Pier)

- o Robot ascends vertically to **1.2m height** on a **0.3m-diameter pier**.
- Upon reaching 1.2m, power is cut (remote).
- The robot must remain locked in place without power for 60 seconds (no slipping >1 cm).
- After 60s, power is restored; robot descends to base autonomously.

2. Phase 2: Transition & Second Ascent (Ø 0.6m Pier)

- The robot is repositioned at the base of a **0.6 m-diameter pier**.
- Ascends to 1.2m height, power cut again, and maintains position without power for 60 seconds.
- Power restored; descends to base.

*Between the two phases, students may assemble and disassemble modular linkages and structures attached to the base robot.

Critical Requirements

- Fail-Safe Locking: Clamping mechanism must hold position passively (no power draw) during 60s tests (e.g., mechanical springs, friction brakes, or self-locking gears).
- Bidirectional Control: Drive system must enable controlled descent (no free-falling; speed ≤10 cm/s).
- Position Accuracy: Stops at 1.2m must be within ±2 cm tolerance (closed-loop sensors required).

• Time Limits:

o Full mission (both piers) completed in <10 minutes.

Game rule

Max 3 attempts total.

Scoring (100 Points Total)

| Task | Points | Performance Criteria |
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| Phase 1 Success (Ø 0.3m) | 30 | - 10 pts: Reaches 1.2m (±2 cm) - 10 pts: Holds 60s without power (slip ≤1 cm) - 10 pts: Controlled descent to base |
| Phase 2 Success (Ø 0.6m) | 30 | Same as Phase 1 |
| Locking Mechanism Robustness | 30 | - 10 pts: Zero slip during power-off- 10 pts: Automatic engagement/disengagement |
| Speed & Efficiency | 10 | Faster mission time (e.g., <5 min = 10 pts; 5–10 min = 5 pts) |