

**SourceBots** 

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SHIP IT!: RULES

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### 1 Game Rules

- 1. The game, called *¡Ship It!*, is played in the arena defined in Specification 1. The objective is to collect containers and deposit them in scoring zones.
- 2. The game is played by two teams, each team has two robots: a crane and a forklift.
- 3. The forklift is used to pick up loose containers and move them to the docking area. Each team's forklift starts in their starting area.
- 4. The arena contains 18 containers. The containers are labeled with their owners: each team has 9 containers. One container from each team is placed within the docking area, the others are outside the docking area.
- 5. The crane is used to pick up a container from the docking area and deposit it in a team's raised area.
- 6. At the end of the game, teams will be awarded points based on the number of containers they collected, as follows:
  - (a) For each container in the docking area, the team which owns the container will be awarded *1 point*.
  - (b) For each container in the raised area, the team which owns the container will be awarded *3 points*.
- 7. Containers are "in" a zone when their centre is within the zone.
- 8. Teams may be disqualified from one or all matches by match officials, for non-compliance with regulations, or any other reason at the discretion of the judge.

## 2 Regulations

- 1. The Judge's decision is final.
- Any assistance from Smallpeice Trust staff and volunteers is provided without guarantees.
- 3. Competitors are expected to behave within the spirit of good sporting conduct.
- 4. All robots must be fully autonomous once started. No remote control systems are permitted.
- 5. While accidental bumps and scrapes are inevitable, this is a non-contact sport.

# 3 Specifications

#### 3.1 Arena

- 1. The arena floor is a  $6000 \, \text{mm} \times 12000 \, \text{mm}$  rectangle.
- 2. The layout of the arena is given in Figure 1. This figure is to scale.

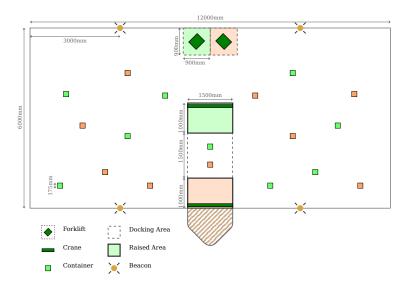


Figure 1: Layout zones and tokens in the arena.

- 3. The docking area is  $1500 \, \text{mm} \times 1500 \, \text{mm}$ .
- 4. The raised areas are each  $1500 \, \text{mm} \times 1000 \, \text{mm}$ , and raised from the floor by  $500 \, \text{mm}$ .
- 5. The starting zones are centrally aligned, share one side with the north wall of the arena, and are  $900\,\mathrm{mm}\times900\,\mathrm{mm}$ .
- 6. There are four non-directional radio beacons for localization, placed along the longer walls of the arena inset by 3000 mm.
- 7. The canonical definition of the arena is what is in the simulator.

#### 3.2 Containers

- 1. Containers are cuboids with side length 260 mm.
- 2. Containers are arranged as indicated in Figure 1.
- 3. Each container is fitted with a non-directional radio beacon which can be used to locate it.

#### 3.3 Forklift

- 1. The forklift's footprint is a square with sides of length 350 mm.
- 2. The forklift is equipped with the following sensors:
  - (a) Magnetic compass.
  - (b) Gyroscope.
  - (c) Radio direction finder.

- (d) Bump sensor.
- (e) Ultrasonic distance sensor.
- 3. The forklift is equipped with the following actuators:
  - (a) Tank-steered driving wheels.
  - (b) Front grabber.

#### 3.4 Crane

- 1. The crane is the full width of the ship, and 100 mm in both other dimensions.
- 2. The crane is equipped with the following sensors:
  - (a) Radio direction finder.
  - (b) Bump sensor.
  - (c) Ultrasonic distance sensor (mounted vertically).
- 3. The crane is equipped with the following actuators:
  - (a) Two-axis linear driving motor.
  - (b) Lifter.

## 4 Amendments

1. Detailed the behaviour and location of the non-directional radio beacons.