MOUSETRAP VEHICLE B

Team Checklist – 2021

Student Names: ______________________ ______________________

CHECK IN & PRACTICE LOG

1. T F 2. T F 3. T F

- 2.a. Team impounds one Vehicle, any alignment devices, and any additional/spare parts. The Vehicle is impounded with the mousetrap in its lowest potential energy state compared to an unmodified mousetrap.

- 3. Complete

- Incomplete

- Not Impounded/Missing

1ST RUN 2ND RUN 3RD RUN ← VEHICLE RUNS (10 MINUTES FOR UP TO 3 RUNS)

Construction Parameters:

3.a. All propulsive energy comes from one snap mousetrap with a base 6.0 cm by 12.0 cm or smaller and no parts of the jaw/hammer extending more than 1.0 cm beyond the base. The mousetrap retains all of its original parts, and its structural integrity is not altered. Any items added do not increase the potential energy of the unmodified mousetrap. If holes are drilled in the mousetrap, there are ≤ 4 holes and they are used to attach the mousetrap to the Vehicle.

3.b. No additional sources are used to provide kinetic energy to propel the Vehicle.

3.c. Complete means including 3 or more parameters (Target Distance, Vehicle Distance from Target, and 1 additional) for 10 or more practice runs. Logs must include the Team name and number.

3.d. An approximately ¼” round wooden dowel is attached to the front of the Vehicle. When the Vehicle is placed flat on the floor, the dowel is approximately perpendicular to the floor, extending to within 1.0 cm of the floor and at least 20.0 cm above the floor. The dowel is easily accessible by the Event Supervisor and no part of the Vehicle (except the drive arm attached to the mousetrap and drive string) extends more than 0.5 cm beyond the front of the dowel.

3.e. In the ready-to-run configuration, all wheels/treads (in their entirety) fit in a 40.0 cm by 40.0 cm space of any height and any orientation. Axles, drive arms, and other parts of the Vehicle may extend beyond these parameters.

3.f. Electronic components and electric devices are not used.

3.g. All parts of the Vehicle move as a whole with no anchors, tethers, tie downs, launching ramps, or other separate pieces. The only parts contacting the floor during the run are the wheels/treads, drive string(s), and any parts already in contact with the floor in the ready-to-run configuration. No pieces fall from the Vehicle during the run.

4. T F 8. T F 12. T F

Run meets all construction parameters above

Competition Parameters:

5.a. Once participants enter the event area, they do not leave or receive outside assistance, materials, or communication.

5.c. Except for the calculator, electric tools are not used.

5.d. In the ready-to-run configuration, the Vehicle’s Measurement Point is over the Start Point. The Vehicle remains at the starting position without being touched.

5.f. Only non-electric sighting/aiming devices are used. If placed on the Track, they are removed before each run.

5.g. Team does not roll the Vehicle on the floor of the Track on the day of the event without tournament permission. If it is permitted, only participants are present.

5.h. Any substances applied to the Vehicle are approved by the Event Supervisor prior to use and do not damage or leave residue on the floor, Track, and/or event area. The Track remains dry at all times.

5.i. Team starts the Vehicle using any part of an unsharpened #2 pencil with an unused eraser, supplied by the Event Supervisor, in a motion approximately perpendicular to the floor, to actuate a trigger. Team does not touch the vehicle to start it, hold it while actuating the trigger, or “push” the Vehicle to get it started. Once the run starts, team does not follow the Vehicle until called by the Event Supervisor to retrieve their Vehicle.

5.j. Vehicle Distance: point-to-point distance, in centimeters to the nearest 0.1 cm, from the Measurement Point to the Target Point.

5.k. Failed Run: any run that does not occur in the 10 minutes or any run where the Vehicle starts before the Event Supervisor is ready, has a distance that cannot be measured (e.g. participants pick it up before it is measured), or is pushed down the Track.

16. T F General Rule: The team is disqualified. (Notify the team and their coach as soon as possible.)

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