

Call for Participation
RoboCup 2014 Middle Size League

July 19-25, 2014 (João Pessoa, Brazil)
<http://www.robocup2014.org/>

We would like to invite all MSL teams to participate in the 2014 RoboCup MSL World Championships. If you are interested to participate please take the time to pre-register your team for the RoboCup 2014 MSL competitions.

1) Pre-registration

For the pre-registration please send an e-mail to rc-msl-oc@lists.robocup.org containing the following data:

- team name
- URL of the team's home page
- name of team leader
- e-mail address of team or team leader
- affiliation
- country
- link to qualification material

2) Qualification material

The qualification material should be placed on a dedicated web page on the team's home page. Please include the link to the qualification material on the pre-registration information.

By the time of pre-registration, please have ready the following qualification materials:

- list of five RoboCup related scientific publications
- overview of the performance in past events
- a Team Description Paper describing the most innovative contributions or scientific results
(The TDP is limited to 8 pages and must be formatted according to the LNCS format
<http://www.springer.com/computer/lncs?SGWID=0-164-6-793341-0>)
- a qualification video (the maximum duration of the video is 1 minute)
- an overview of the contributions to the MSL community
- a mechanical and electrical description together with a software flow chart (please include size and weight of the robots)

The details regarding the qualification materials are contained in the rules and regulations document available at http://wiki.robocup.org/wiki/Middle_Size_League. Please read it thoroughly.

3) Important dates

- Deadline for pre-registration and submission of the qualification materials: February 14, 2014 - Announcement of qualified teams: February 28, 2014

4) Rules

The rules and regulations for the RoboCup 2014 Middle Size League will be published at http://wiki.robocup.org/wiki/Middle_Size_League

The updated rules and regulations will be released by December 31, 2013, at the latest.

5) Publication

Please note that after the announcement of the qualified teams the qualification materials of the qualified teams will be made publicly available. Teams applying for participation therefore grant the right of publication of their qualification materials to the MSL league.

6) Plagiarism

Plagiarism, loosely the unattributed use of other peoples' words, code and ideas (see "http://www.ieee.org/publications_standards/publications/rights/plagiarism_FAQ.html" for a more detailed description) is not tolerated in the RoboCup community. The teams and team members that plagiarize other peoples' work and present it as their own will be disqualified. For a first offense, the team and team members will be banned from RoboCup competition for two years (usually the current and next year). Harsher penalties will be applied to repeat offenders or extremely serious cases of plagiarism. A team may be disqualified at any time for plagiarism, even after the competition has started. RoboCup will not reimburse teams for any expenses related to their disqualification.

We hope to welcome you all in João Pessoa.

With kind regards,

The 2014 RoboCup MSL Organizing and Executive committees.