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1. Introduction

1.1 About MakeX

MakeX is a robotics competition platform that promotes multidisciplinary learning within the fields of science and technology. It aims at building a world where STEAM education is highly appreciated and where young people are passionate about innovation by engaging them in exciting Robotics Competition, STEAM Carnival, etc.

MakeX Robots Competition is hosted by the MakeX Robotics Competition Committee, organized by Shenzhen Makeblock Co., Ltd. As the core activity of MakeX, it aims that through the competition, young people will discover the spirit of creativity, teamwork, fun and sharing. It is committed to promoting innovation in science, technology, education through high-level competition events, guiding young people to learn Science (S), Technology (T), Engineering (E), Art (A) and Mathematics (M) and apply such knowledge in solving practical problems through the exciting and challenging competitions.

1.2 MakeX Spirit

Creativity: we advocate curiousness and innovation by encouraging all contestants to create unique high-tech works with their talent, and challenge themselves for continuous progress!

Teamwork: we advocate solidarity and friendship, encouraging all contestants to develop a sense of responsibility and enterprising spirit, and sincerely working with their partners for win-win development!

Fun: we encourage contestants to build a positive, healthy mindset in the competition. Enjoy the journey and grow in the process.

Sharing: we encourage contestants to have an open mind as a maker and share their knowledge, responsibility, and joy with everyone, including their teammates and competitors.



MakeX spirit is the cultural cornerstone of the MakeX Robotics Competition. We hope to provide a platform for all contestants, mentors and industry experts to exchange ideas, study and grow up, and help young people acquire new skills during creation, learn to respect others in teamwork, gain an enjoyable life experience in the competition, take delight in sharing their knowledge and responsibility with society, and work hard to achieve their grand aspiration of changing the world and creating the future!

1.3 About MakeX Spark

MakeX Spark is an innovation competition program in the form of online or onsite events. Teams need to focus on the theme of each competition, carry out the projects through software programming and hardware construction, and the display the projects to others.

With the characteristics of low entry threshold and flexible forms, Spark focuses on guiding teenagers to not only learn interdisciplinary knowledge and apply them on practical problems, but also improve their problem- solving and logical-thinking skills, developing their creativity and imagination. Through the theme learning and practice in the competition, contestants are able to effectively improve their ability to communicate and express, thus gaining a joy of sharing.



2. Participation Requirements

2.1 Contestants

The contestants' requirements for MakeX Spark are as followed:

Age: Team members must be teenagers or children between the age of 6-13 (born between January 2, 2009 and December 31, 2017), the mentor must be at least 18 years old.

Participants:

The contestants shall participate in teams, with 1-2 mentor(s). For online competitions, each team is composed of 1 to 2 members. For onsite competitions, each team is composed of 2 to 4 members.

2.2 Software and Hardware

MakeX Spark is an innovation contest for contestants to conduct hardware construction and software programming. The competition project should be constructed with mechanical and electronic parts. The requirements for software and hardware are as follows:



Programming Software: Contestants must use mBlock, a programming platform developed by Shenzhen Makeblock Co., Ltd. across different devices (Windows, Mac,

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Linux, Chromebook, iOS, Android



Hardware Mainboard: Contestants are recommended to use either CyberPi or Halocode as the hardware mainboard, and construct projects based on their selected mainboard.

2.3 Recommended Equipment

There is no fixed equipment kit for MakeX Spark, the details will be determined by the single competition. We recommend to use CyberPi Educational Competition Kit, mBot2, Halocode, Laser Box and other equipment.



CyberPi Educational Competition Kit



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If you want to buy any equipment, please contact the local distributor or MakeX Committee: <u>makex_overseas@makeblock.com</u>.

3. Competition Plan

3.1 Introduction

Each match has different sub-themes based on annual theme in MakeX Spark competition. The theme mainly comes from STEAM education at home and abroad, important international or national events, latest developments in science and technology, news reports and daily life, etc. Contestants are encouraged to participate in multiple matches to gain a full and thorough understanding of the competition. The theme of the project should be positive and closely related to the MakeX Robotics Competition



sub-theme of each match.

3.2 Schedule

In 2022-2023 MakeX Spark competition, there will be two matches in global region. Each match is independent with one specific sub-theme, which will be publish before the competition. Contestants are able to participate in one or more matches.

Arrangements for national competitions and world championship shall be subject to the pre-competition notice. Please pay attention to the competition page published on MakeX official website in time for the specific competition date. Winning teams will have the opportunity to be promoted to MakeX World Championship.

Name of competition	Language	Туре	Sub-theme	Time
MakeX Spark Global	English	Online	The sub-theme will	May
Online Competition-1st Match			be released onsite	
MakeX Spark Global	English	Online	The sub-theme will	October
Online Competition-2nd			be released onsite	
Match				
MakeX Spark National	English or	Online/	All local	The time will
Competition	Native Language	Onsite	competitions will	be subject to
			subject to the local	the local
			organizers	organizers
MakeX Word	English/Chinese	Onsite	The sub-theme will	Will be
Championship			be released onsite	released on
				the MakeX
				Website

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3.3 Sub-theme Interpretation

The theme of 2022-2023 Season MakeX Spark is "Infinite Life". The United Nations General Assembly designated Apr. 22 as the International Mother Earth Day, through a resolution adopted in 2009. In the pursuit of harmony between human beings and nature, International Mother Earth Day is designed to further promote the sustainable development of human beings and nature by formulating standards for sustainable development and exchanging experiences of countries that meet the standards. With the development of science and technology as well as innovation, human beings will empower the earth with growing vitality.

There are multiple sub-themes basic on this annual theme. Contestants are suggested to focus on the sub-theme, make full use of imagination and creativity during software programming and hardware construction. The sub-theme will be published before the competition. The following is the detailed introduction of the specific theme.

3.3.1 Theme One ——"Biodiversity"

Biodiversity refers to the overall diversity of creatures and their environment. Biodiversity forms the web of life on which we depend in many ways - food, water, medicine, a stable climate, economic growth and much more. Biodiversity is what makes the planet vibrant and is the basis for human survival and development, yet the planet is experiencing a dangerous natural decline due to human activity. Up to a million species are threatened with extinction, and many will be extinct within a few decades.

Protecting biodiversity is protecting the well-being of humanity. Contestants shall construct the project based on the theme of 'Biodiversity' using hardware and programming. Use your talents to help protect biodiversity!

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3.3.2 Theme Two ——"Wetland Conservation"

On 30 August 2021, the United Nations General Assembly designated February 2nd as World Wetlands Day to raise awareness of the urgency of reversing the accelerating loss of wetlands and to promote their conservation and restoration. In natural ecosystems, wetlands are a transitional zone between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, an important ecosystem and ecological space that nourishes everything in the world. It is a "small" home for sustainable human development and a "large" home for a globally diverse range of species. Despite the significant contribution of wetlands to the sustainable development of global life, irrational human efforts to open up land and reclaim land have created a large amount of agricultural and urban space, increasingly crowding out the living space of wetlands, resulting in the reduction of wetland areas and degradation of their functions.

To protect wetlands is to protect the common home of human and nature. In addition to intervening and preventing the adverse effects of human activities on wetlands, wetland conservation also involves taking the initiative to restore wetland areas and ecological functions and improve the quality of wetland ecosystems. Contestants shall construct the project based on the theme of 'wetland conservation' using hardware and programming.

3.3.3 Theme Three——"Prevent and Reverse Desertification"

Drought is one of the greatest threats to sustainable development, especially for developing countries. But droughts are also becoming more severe in developed countries. In fact, according to predictions, drought could affect more than three-quarters of the world's population by 2050. For this reason, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification calls on all members of the international community to consider land as a limited and valuable natural capital and to priorities its health when recovering from epidemics.

Saving the land is a matter of urgency. Everyone has a role to play, because everyone has a stake in the future. Contestants shall construct the project based on the theme

of 'Prevent and Reverse Desertification' using hardware and programming.

3.3.4 Theme Four——"Water"

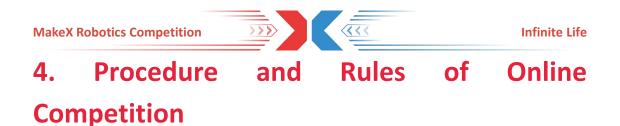
Water is a key element of sustainable development, vital for socioeconomic development, energy and food production, ecosystem health and the survival of humanity itself. The COVID-19 epidemic is a prime example of the global impact of water and sanitation issues," said UN General Assembly President Bozkir. "With billions of people worldwide still without the most basic hand-washing facilities and health facilities in some of the least developed countries lacking access to piped water supplies, global inequalities of this magnitude should and must inspire us to act now."

"Water is life", the foundation of human existence, ecosystems and agricultural systems, and "water is sustainable" - it is everyone's responsibility to protect water resources. Contestants shall construct the project based on the theme of 'Water' using hardware and programming.

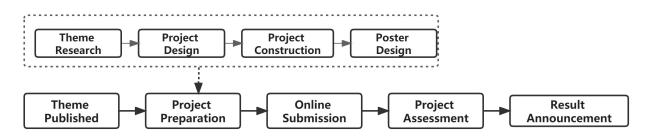
3.3.5 Theme Five——"Sustainable Cities-And Communities"

Cities are growing at an unprecedented rate. As of 2015, 54% of the global population, nearly 4 billion people, live in cities. By 2030, this number is expected to reach 5 billion. Rapid urbanization poses huge challenges, including increasing slum populations, rising air pollution, inadequate infrastructure and services and uncontrolled urban sprawl, all of which increase the vulnerability of cities to disasters. However, through sound urban planning and management, urban spaces across the globe can become not only inclusive, safe, disaster-resilient and sustainable, but also vibrant hubs where businesses and innovation can flourish.

Creating sustainable cities and communities can be considered in terms of better housing facilities, more accessible transport systems and better public amenities. Contestants shall construct the project based on the theme of 'Sustainable Cities and Communities' using hardware and programming.



4.1 Participation Procedure



The period of MakeX Spark online competition is two to four months, ranging from theme published, project preparation, online submission to project assessment and results announcement. Under the guidance of mentors, the contestants follow a step-by-step project-based learning process and then prepare and submit their projects.

Theme Published

The sub-theme of each competition will be published on the MakeX official website at least two or three months before the competition. Contestants should pay close attention to the MakeX Official website to approach the competition theme and relevant timeline.

Project Preparation

In the early stage of the competition, contestants can focus on the research of realistic problems, and put forward the general structure of the project. After confirming the project plan, project function and equipment list, the contestants are required to construct and program the project, as well as recording the process including the idea of coding, construction structure and exterior design. The contestants are also required to create a poster and submit it online. Please refer to "**4.2 Project Submission Rules of Online Competition**" for the specification.





Online Submission

Online submission is usually valid for 10 days, and each team must turn to the submission web-page to publish projects, fill in the correct registration information and upload the poster before the deadline of submission.



Web-page and Submission Link of Previous Online Competition

Project Assessment

The judge panel of MakeX Spark Online Competition consists of judge, judge group leader, expert judge. Judges are responsible for the preliminary evaluation of all projects; Judge group leaders are for the re-evaluation of the project; The expert judges are for arbitration, dealing with the complaints that judges and judge group leaders cannot solve, and confirming the scoring results and awards.

Results Announcement

The awarding results will be announced on the competition web-page.

4.2 **Project Submission Rules**

4.2.1 Publishing Rules

R01. Each team can only publish one project to participate in a single match.

R02. Each team must publish original and non-adapted project.

R03. Each team must publish the project before the deadline of submission. Please do not publish your project in advance.



R04. The Name of the Project: The published project must include the official name of the project, which must be exactly the same as the name of project poster.

R05. Project Introduction: The introduction of the project shall include the content of theme and the functions of project. The description should not exaggerate the actual functions and working mechanism of the project. The introduction of the whole project is generally 700 to 900 words, without exceeding 2000 words.

R06. Instruction: The steps should be clearly identified in the instructions, and there should be a sequential relationship between the steps. Avoid situations that readers cannot understand, perform or achieve the desired effect with the instructions. Do not mistake, miss, or skip steps.

R07. Project Program: The uploaded program should have clear notes on the implementation of each function. The notes should be as straight forward as possible to help the judges understand the logic of the program.

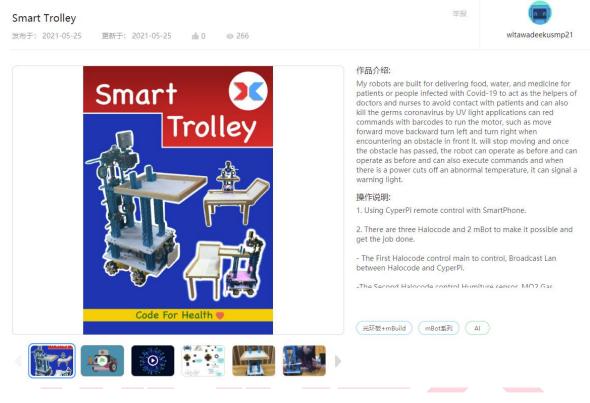
R08. Project Videos: The video content shall include oral introduction by the contestant and functional demonstration of the project, ideas for creating the project (find question- solve question) and project construction and programming. The videos support MP4 and MOV formats, with single storage no more than 200M. The shooting lighting should be clear and bright to avoid blurry video. There is no limited display form for the video, but it needs to be easily understood.

R09. Project Picture: The photos support GIF, JPG, PNG format, and the size of a single one should not exceed 10M. Uploading at least three photos, and choose one photo as the cover of the project when publishing the project. Photos should be clearly visible with no ambiguity in the main displaying subject. Take photos from several angles to fully present the structure and design of the project.

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R10. Check the uploaded materials initiatively after the submission just in case anything goes wrong. Contestants may fail to get a score of the corresponding dimension if there is no corresponding information in the submitted materials.



Previous Project Sample-Smart Trolley

4.2.2 Poster Specifications

S01. The poster must be created by the contestants themselves and drawn manually. Paper and digital versions are both accepted. Contestants are encouraged to give full play to their imagination and artistic creativity to display their project embedded with pictures and texts in a vivid and concise way.

S02. Format Requirements: The name of the poster must be the same as the submitted project when submitting the poster. The poster is preferably submitted in PDF format. If failing to transfer the poster into PDF, the contestant is suggested to take HD pictures and upload with up to 3 pictures and size no more than 30M in total.

The size of single poster should not exceed 297mm*420mm (standard A3 paper size). Paper or other environment-friendly display board materials can be used, with clear content for easy reading.

S03. Content Recommendation: The content of poster should include the basic information of the project, including but not limited to the name of the project, the author, main functions and inspirations of the project. The poster can also display problem discovery – problem solving process, preferably with manuscripts such as the design drafts, structure and the logical of programming. Please list the main hardware materials on the poster. If a large number of non-quantifiable material such as paper shell or metal beam is used, just fill in the name of the material without marking the quantity. For example: CyberPi x1, Paper shell several, ultrasonic sensor x1.



Project Poster Sample

5. Procedure and Rules of Onsite

Competition

5.1 Participation Procedure

The period of MakeX Spark onsite competition is usually two to three days, ranging from theme announcement, project construction, display board design to onsite assessment and results announcement. According to the competition theme announced on the spot, participating teams must carry out teamwork with ideas and creativity and complete the project construction, programming, display board design, etc. in a limited time, while joining in the onsite assessment and presentation. The specific process and duration of a single competition will depend on actual situation.



Theme Announcement

The theme of a single match in MakeX Spark onsite competition is usually announced on the spot, and the theme content is projected to be formulated based on the annual theme of "Infinite Life ". After announcing the theme, the contestants should carefully read and understand the theme content, brainstorm and exchange ideas with teammates, and determine the name of project and the action plan.



Previous Onsite Competition- Theme Discussion

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Project Construction

Before the project construction, teams must cooperate efficiently to ensure that each contestant engages in the preparation deeply. Teams are also encouraged to allocate their work based on different tasks in terms of career development, such as engineers, software engineers, designers and so on. Please refer to "**5.2 Creation Rules of Onsite Competition**" for the specifications.



Previous Onsite Competition-Project Construction

Display Board Design

The contestants are required to design a display board based on the competition theme and individual project. The contestants are encouraged to prepare and decorate their display board with clothes, badges and other design elements, so as to fully display the team culture. Please refer to "5.2 Onsite Creation Rules" for the specifications.



Previous Onsite Competition-Display Board Design

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Onsite Assessment

The judge panel will consist of invited excellent judges and experts from education sector or robotics competition sector. The number of judges is generally 3-5. Onsite assessment will be conducted in the form of rotating assessment and road show. The drawing of lots will determine the order of the team roadshow before the competition starts. Before the project construction, each team should assign one member to the roadshow stage area to draw lots. The assessment time for each team is 10 minutes. In this process, the contestants will be required to introduce and demonstrate their projects and answer questions from the judges, while displaying the team's culture and expressing their own thoughts. The number of judges and the judging process will depend on actual situation of single competition. The assessment process is arranged as follows.

Content	Duration
Enter the stage: Team should bring their project, display board and all necessities enter the stage area.	1 minute
Equipment debugging: the team needs to debug the project to the best display state within this time. If the team need to use the PC to display the relevant content, the team need to prepare your own laptop with the HDMI port.	1 minute
Roadshow time: the team shall introduce and demonstrate their projects, as well as displaying the team's culture and expressing their own thoughts.	5 minutes
Q&A: The team are required to answer the question from the judges, and might be required to display the project's programming	2 minute
Leave the stage: The team shall take all belongings with them to leave the stage area in an orderly manner. In the	1 minute



meanwhile, the judge group give a score to the team based on their project, display board and performance

If the team completes their roadshows within 10 minutes, they can end the roadshow in advance and leave the stage in an orderly manner; if the 10-minute roadshow time runs out, the judges will take the initiative to issue the "end of the roadshow" instruction, and the team need to stop the roadshow immediately and leave the stage in an orderly manner with all the belongings.

Results Announcement

The awarding results will be announced onsite.

5.2 Onsite Creation Rules

1. Before the formal competition, contestants are advised to collect related information and prepare materials. Besides, they can search and learn the contents related to the annual theme, prepare project ideas, the materials including mechanic parts, electronic components, blank KT board, kits, wooden boards, cardboard, colored pens, crayons, marker pens, any decorative materials, and recycling materials in advance.

2. The contestants are required to bring their own laptops and install mBlock in advance.

3. There is no access to network in competition venue, therefore, please prepare your own Wi-Fi equipment if have any network demand for debugging your project.

4. Usually, the organizers may provide some tools such as laser cutting machine, basswood board, corrugated paper, printing paper, painting brush, children's scissors, screwdriver, etc. Whether these tools are available will depend on actual situation and shall be used safely under the guidance of staff.

5. Before the start of the competition, the staff will inspect the equipment and tools carried by the participating teams. All equipment must be spare parts that have not been assembled, and complete projects or semi-finished projects are forbidden.

If the equipment is exception to the rules, it must be disassembled on site, and the competition cannot be started until you finish it.

6. The size of display board is a KT board of wide 800 mm * height 1800 mm that provide by MakeX or our local organizers. If there is no KT board, it can be replaced by other materials. The contents of the display board should include basic information such as the title of the project, the name of the contestant, the function of the project, etc. It can introduce your inspiration, record the creation process, and be accompanied by manuscript drawings such as the design drafts, structure and codes, etc. Please list the main hardware materials on the poster. If a large number of non-quantifiable material such as paper shell or metal beam is used, just fill in the name of the material without marking the quantity. For example: CyberPi x1, Paper shell several, ultrasonic sensor x1.



Fig. Project Display Board(600mm*800mm)

7. During the competition, projects or equipment shall not be taken away from the competition area. When entering the competition area, contestants are not allowed

to bring complete project or semi-finished project. If above circumstance occurs for the first time, the team will be cautioned. If serious offense occurs, the team will be disqualified.

8. During the competition, no one other than the contestants, including but not limited to parents or mentors, shall enter the competition area by any means or act as a substitute or mentor. If above circumstance occurs for the first time, the team will be cautioned. If serious offense occurs, the team will be disqualified.

9. All cheating is prohibited in the competition. Contestants shall report to staff in advance if they carry mobile phones, phone watches and other electronic communication devices. Contestants are not allowed to use electronic communication devices (except laptops) without permission. If it is found that communication devices are used by contestants to communicate with the person outside the competition area during the competition, contestants will be cautioned.

10. During the competition, contestants should not leave the competition area and should keep silence while creating projects. No food or drinks are allowed in the competition area.

11. After the construction, contestants should take the initiative to clean up their own construction area and keep a clean environment.

6. Assessment

6.1 Grades

After assessment of MakeX Spark, the teams and their projects will be assessed in five dimensions, including design ability, innovative thinking, electronic technology, programming ability, and communication skill. Each dimension consists of 1 or 2 sub-dimensions. In this competition, the score result of each dimension and sub-dimension will be closely related to the contestants' performance and their projects. Please refer to **Appendix 1: Assessment Criteria Details**.

1. **Design Ability:** It includes 2 sub-dimensions of structural application and exterior design, and the score range of each sub-dimension is 0-5;

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2. **Innovative Thinking:** It includes 2 sub-dimensions of innovation and theme research, and the score range of each sub-dimension is 0-5;

3. **Electronic Technology:** It includes 1 dimension of electronic technology, which scores 0-5;

4. **Programming Ability:** It includes 1 dimension of programming ability, which scores 0-5;

5. **Communication Skill:** It includes 2 sub-dimensions of oral expression and process presentation, and the score range of each sub-dimension is 0-5;

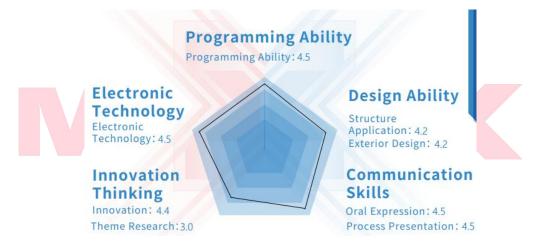


Fig. 6.1 Radar Chart of Capability Assessment Report

All the contestants who obey the competition rules can get a STEAM Assessment Report (Scores for each dimension in the report will be specified to one decimal places). The competition encourages original ideas. Contestants are encouraged to think independently and incorporate insights, experiences, and thoughts into their projects. It is believed that each contestant may have a different understanding of the theme, and we wish to see distinct elaborate designs, rather than copies of the same products.



6.2 Awards

To truly guide the contestants to experience and reap the fruits from MakeX spirit: creativity, teamwork, fun and sharing, a series of awards will be set up to show recognition and encouragement for the outstanding abilities and performance of the contestants. The types of the award may be updated during the season. The award list is as follows:

Young All-Rounder—In each competition, teams that rank top three will win the "Young All-Rounder" award (Those teams who won the "Young All-Round" prize won't be able to win another special award)

Young Innovator—The project is creative and very attractive with clear positioning. Contestants show their unique theme exploration and innovation ability in the competition. Those who perform well in the dimension of "Innovative Thinking" will have the opportunity to win the "Young Innovator " award.

Young Designer—Contestants present the potential to become future designers with excellent design and aesthetic capabilities. Those who perform well in the dimension of "Design Ability" will have the opportunity to win the "Young Designer" award.

Young Engineer—Contestants show the potential to become future engineers with excellent capabilities of electronic technology and programming. Those who perform well in the two dimensions of "Electronic Technology" and "Programming Ability" will have the opportunity to win the "Young Engineer" award.

Best Demonstration—Contestants show excellent communication skills in the competition. Those who perform well in the dimension of "Communication Skill" will have the opportunity to win the "Best Demonstration" award.

In each competition, if the teams' total scores (i.e. the sum of all dimension scores) are the same, then the teams will be ranked according to their sub-dimension scores in the order of Innovative Thinking, Design Ability, Electronic Technology and Programming Ability, and Communication Skill;

Example: When the total scores of two teams are the same, then

- Compare the scores of the teams in the "Innovative Thinking" dimension, the team with the higher score in this dimension will be ranked higher;
- (2) If the scores of "Innovative Thinking" are the same, then compare the scores of the teams in the "Design Ability" dimension, and the team with the higher score in this dimension will be ranked higher.
- (3) If the score of "Innovative Thinking" are the same, then the "Design Ability" score will be compared with the team's score, and the one with the higher score in this dimension will be ranked higher.
- (4) By analogy with this method, until we selected the winner.
- (5) If the score of every dimension is the same, the expert judges will re-assess the projects and give the score.

In the selection of special awards, if the teams has the same score in one dimension, then compare the teams' total score, and the one with the higher total score will be ranked higher; if the total score is the same, then compare the scores of the other sub-dimensions until the ranking is determined, and the order of the sub-dimensions will be as follows: Innovative Thinking, Design Ability, Electronic Technology and Programming Ability, and Communication Skill;

Example: When selecting the "Young Innovator" award, firstly compare the scores of the team's "Innovative Thinking" dimension; if the scores of this dimension are the same, then

- Compare the team's total score: the team with the higher total score will rank higher;
- (2) If the total score is the same, then we will compare the team's "Design Ability" dimension score, the team with the higher score in this dimension will rank higher;

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(3) By analogy with this method, until we selected the winner.

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(4) If the score of every dimension is the same, the expert judges will re-assess the projects and give the score.

On the premise of complying with the rules, awards are given according to the corresponding dimension ranking in the sequence of Young Innovator, Young Designer, Young Engineer, Best Demonstration. The quota for each special award is 15%. Each team can only obtain one special award.

Each contestant can obtain a certificate of participation by submitting a written application to the committee.

In addition, the competition specially sets up the following awards for schools or educational organizations that actively arrange students to participate in MakeX Spark: Excellent Mentor and Excellent Organization. The awards will be comprehensively issued based on the number of participating teams and the number of awarding projects guided by the same mentor or organization.

7. Safety Rules

- Contestants must follow the instructions of mentors or staff in the preparation process of the competition. Do not carry out dangerous operations without authorization.
- Pay attention to safety when assembling various parts and using various tools (such as screwdrivers, sharp knives and other dangerous materials) in the construction process, and use them under the guidance of mentors or staff.
- The use of hazardous materials such as contaminated and unstable chemicals is prohibited.
- 4. The use of high-power equipment and dangerous materials that may cause personal injury is prohibited.
- 5. The judging panel has the right to disqualify the teams based on the safety





problems of the projects.

8. Statement

MakeX Robotics Competition Committee reserves the final interpretation right of 2022-2023 MakeX Spark Infinite Life Rules Guide.

8.1 Rules Explanations

In order to ensure a fair competition and high-quality competition experience, MakeX Robotics Competition Committee has the right to update and complement this Rules Guide regularly, and then issue and implement the latest version before the competition.

During the competition, all matters not stated in the Rules Guide shall be decided by the judging panel.

This Rules Guide is the basis for assessment, and the judging panel has the final right of adjudication during the competition.

8.2 Disclaimer

All contestants in MakeX Robotics Competition shall fully understand that safety is the most important factor for the sustainable development of the MakeX Robotics Competition. To protect the rights and interests of all contestants and organizers, according to relevant laws and regulations, all contestants registered for MakeX Spark shall acknowledge and abide by the following safety provisions:

(1) Contestants shall take adequate safety precautions when constructing the projects, and all parts used for construction shall be purchased from legal manufacturers.



(2) During the competition, the contestants should ensure that all the actions such as constructing, testing and demonstration will not do harm to other contestants, audiences, equipment and venues.

(3) In the process of construction and competition, if any action that may violate the national laws, regulations or safety standards occur, all consequences will be borne by the contestants themselves.

The competition kits and parts sold and provided by the supporter, Shenzhen Makeblock Co., Ltd., should be used in accordance with the instructions. Shenzhen Makeblock Co., Ltd. and MakeX Robotics Competition Committee will not be responsible for any injury or loss of property by improper use.

8.3 Copyright Declaration

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Appendix 1. Assessment Criteria Details

Assessment Di	mension	1: Design Ability
Sub-dimension	Grade	Assessment Criteria
Structure Application	5	Design and construct at least 3 kinds of simple or difficult mechanical structures. Combine various structures reasonably.
	4	Design and construct 1-2 kind/s of difficult mechanical structures, such as robot claws and robot arms, etc.
	3	Design and construct 1-2 kind/s of relatively difficult mechanical structures, such as the combination of crank, connecting rod and parallelogram structure, etc.
	2	Design and construct 1-2 kind/s of simple mechanical structures, such as pulleys, gear sets, belt drives and chain drives, etc.
	1	Use the simplest building block bricks for stacking without any other mechanical connection or any mechanical transmission method.
	0	The project has no structure with only electronic parts connected. Or the structures have nothing to do with the function of the project. Or the structure cannot work at all.
Exterior Design	5	Use various art or other environmentally-friendly processing materials; Use materials of both 3D printing and laser cutting; The project and poster are attractive in design, and the project is equipped with an interactive device.
	4	Use various art materials or environmentally-friendly processing materials; Use one of 3D printing or laser cutting to design; The overall project and poster are very beautiful.

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3	Use 3 or more kinds of art materials or other art processing
	materials to design the project exterior; The project and poster are
	relatively beautiful.
2	Use 1-2 kind/s of art materials or other art processing materials to
	design the project exterior; The project and poster are ordinary.
1	Use ready-made products or tools for decoration; The project is
	simple without poster.
0	The project has no exterior design with only mechanical structure
	and electronic parts connected. Or the designed exterior has
	nothing to do with the theme of the project.

Assessment Dimen	Assessment Dimension 2: Innovative Thinking			
Sub-dimension	Grade	Assessment Criteria		
Innovation	5	The project solution is very unique and innovative, no		
		other simulated projects or products on the market,		
		reflects unique creativity.		
	4	The project solution is relatively innovative, combined with		
		functions from other projects or products on the market,		
		has some improvements, reflects certain creativity.		
	3	The project solution is innovative, improve the single		
		function from other projects or products on the market,		
		reflects certain creativity.		
	2	The project solution is common, repeating the functions of		
		other projects or products on the market, but no		
		improvement.		
	1	The project solution is ordinary, only repeating single		

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		function of other projects or products on the market.
	0	The project solution does not have any personal creativity, highly similar to other projects or products.
Theme Research	5	The target user and orientation of the project is clear; Reflect the collection of information from 3 or more typical sources; The project is related to the theme.
	4	The target user and orientation of the project is clear; Reflect the collection of information from 1-2 typical sources, such as experts, related industries or organizations; The project is related to the theme.
	3	The target user and orientation of the project is blur; Reflect the collection of information from 3 or more
		typical or ordinary sources; The project is related to the theme.
	2	The target user and the orientation of the project is blur; Reflect the collection of information from 1-2 typical or ordinary sources, such as internet search, media news, daily life observation; The project is related to the theme.
	1	The target user and the orientation of the project is blur; The core of the project is barely related to the theme.
	0	The project has nothing to do with the theme.

Assessment Dimension 3: Electronic Technology			
Sub-dimension	Grade	Assessment Criteria	
Electronic	5	Use electronic modules that enable vision sensing, voice	

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Technology		recognition or techniques with same difficulty in combination with various input and output modules; Electronic modules are connected correctly and achieve the functions of the project.
	4	Use wireless communications technologies such as Wi-Fi and Bluetooth in combination with various input and output modules; Electronic modules are connected correctly and achieve the functions of the project.
	3	Use servo, LED panel, speaker or other electronic output modules in combination with various sensors; Electronic modules are connected correctly and achieve the functions of the project.
	2	Use 3 or more kinds of sensors. Electronic modules are connected correctly and achieve the functions of the project.
	1	Only use 1-2 kind/s of sensors. Electronic modules are connected correctly and achieve the functions of the project.
	0	No electronic module, or use the techniques listed above but no function is achieved, or the functions are irrelative to the theme of each match.



Assessment Dimension 4: Programming Ability			
Sub-dimension	Grade	Assessment Criteria	
Programming	5	Use block-based programming languages combining	
Ability		various program structures and algorithms, adopt AI	
		algorithm to achieve voice and image recognition or	
		functions with same difficulty.	
		Or use text-based programming languages like Arduino	
		C and Python to realize PID control, voice and image	
		recognition or functions with same difficulty;	
	4	Use block-based programming languages combining	
		various program structures and algorithms, realize PID	
		control in the program or functions with same difficulty.	
	3	Use block-based programming languages, choose data	
		structure and algorithm logically, comprehensively use	
		"event", "variable" and "function" in the program.	
	2	Use block-based programming languages, include 3	
		kinds of programming structures: "order", "loop",	
		"select". Use 1-2 type/s of blocks from "event",	
		"variable" and "function" in the program.	
	1	Use block-based programming languages, include 0-2	
		kind/s of programming structures from "order", "loop",	
		"select". No block from "event", "variable" and	
		"function" in the program.	
	0	No program provided, or the program is completely	
		irrelative to the project.	

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Assessment Dimension 5: Communication Skill		
Sub-dimension	Grade	Assessment Criteria
Oral Expression	5	Fluent and well-organized expression, rich vocabulary, clear pronunciation, accurate use of words and idioms to describe the project, including all required information.
	4	Fluent expression, lack of organization, rich vocabulary, clear pronunciation, can accurately describe the project, lack of some required information.
	3	Fluent expression, lack of organization, moderate vocabulary, clear pronunciation, lack of some required information, with a lot of irrelevant information.
	2	Some pauses, limited vocabulary, clear pronunciation, lack of required information.
	1	Multiple pauses, poor vocabulary, slurred pronunciation, and no required information.
	0	No oral expression in the video.
Process Presentation	5	Present a complete problem-solving process, including problem definition, problem analysis, generation of possible solutions, selection and testing of solutions, analysis and evaluation of results.
	4	Shows the key steps in the problem-solving process, including problem definition, solution testing and results analysis.
	3	Shows the whole problem-solving process, but some steps are irrelevant to the final project. Lack

		interpretable logic.
	2	Shows 3 steps of the problem-solving process, but not
		all the key steps (problem definition, solution testing,
		results analysis). Lacks interpretable logic.
	1	Only shows 1-2 steps of the solving problem process.
		Lack of thinking process. Making people confused about
		why the problem exists, what problems have been
		solved, and how the final project solves the problem,
		etc.
	0	The problem-solving process is completely absent, or
		the presentation is completely unrelated to the project.

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Appendix 2. Competition Resources

Join MakeX Spark Online Competition Skype Group:

https://join.skype.com/X5KZg8YXsnXp



*Note: Please sign in with a Skype account before you click the **Join Link** above. Otherwise, if you select **Join as guest without account**, your guest conversation will only last for 24 hours.

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