

Combat Robotics Tournament

What to expect — a quick guide for competitors & spectators

When	Tuesday, September 16 • 4:00–8:00 PM
Where	Grand River Makerspace — 25 N. Park, Walker, MI
Format	Single-elimination bracket — win and advance, lose and you're out
Cost	Free to watch — bring friends!

The Flow of the Night

Here's roughly how the evening runs. Times are approximate and depend on how many robots enter.

Time	What's happening
4:00 PM	Doors open & safety check-in. Every robot gets inspected before it can compete.
5:00 PM	Bracket announced & quick rules briefing for drivers.
5:15–6:15	Match Block 1 — first-round fights for the early group.
6:15–6:30	Short break & arena reset.
6:30–7:30	Match Block 2 — first-round fights for the later group, then advancing rounds.
7:30 PM	Finals — the championship match.
7:45 PM	Awards & wrap-up.

The two match blocks let us schedule your **first** fight in the window that works for you — pick a preferred block when you RSVP. Since it's single elimination, winners keep advancing, so later rounds and the finals may run past your block.

Safety First: The Check-In

Before any robot fights, it passes a safety inspection. The big one: when a robot loses radio signal from its controller, **everything has to stop** — drive and weapon. We also check batteries, weapon locks, and weight. A robot that doesn't pass gets a chance to fix and re-inspect before joining the bracket — keeping drivers and spectators safe.

Competing? • RSVP so we can plan the bracket • Pick your preferred match block on the form • Get your robot built & tested beforehand • Arrive by 4:00 for check-in • Full rules are on our wiki	Just watching? • Free and open — bring friends • RSVP at our Tech Week link for a headcount • Minors must be with a parent/guardian • Come cheer, vote for Crowd Favorite • Stick around for the finals & awards
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Awards

Champion, runner-up, and third place — plus style awards like **Best Design**, **Best Hit**, and an audience-voted **Crowd Favorite**. Trophies made right here in the makerspace.