

The 2009 International ROV Competition proudly presents

M.U.D. Wrestling

Mentor Underwater Demonstration Wrestling

NO HOLDS BARRED

THE SCENARIO...

Light bulbs flash as the mentor steps into the ring. Spandex tights allow for quick and easy movements around the pool deck; the tights' bright colors highlight the body against the azure water. In a sweeping, grandiose motion, the vehicle is lifted high, eliciting cheers and full adulation from the crowd. Roses rain down from above.

Across the ring, in full Sumo regalia, the opponent claps loudly to garner attention. Salt is thrown over the shoulder; the stomping of each foot prepares this mentor for battle. The crowd noise quiets to a murmur as the referees give their final approval to each vehicle. Glares are thrown like daggers across the pool; vehicles float in anticipation. The crowd, feeling the tension, falls silent. Final nods are given to the referees.

THREE!
TWO!
ONE!
BEGIN!

WHAT, WHY, & WHEN...

Back by popular demand! The 2009 MATE International ROV Competition is proud to continue the tradition of Mentor Underwater Demonstration (M.U.D.) Wrestling. M.U.D. Wrestling was designed to provide team mentors with their own creative outlet and, in the spirit of IFE (the Institute for FUNdamental Exploration), to bring light-hearted innovation to the event.

Mentors will pilot their ROVs in one-on-one wrestling matches. The winner of each match will advance in the winner's bracket and face another opponent. (A separate loser's bracket may be established.) The final winner will be crowned 2009 M.U.D. Wrestling Grand Champion.

M.U.D. Wrestling will take place on Friday afternoon, June 26, after the student competition events are completed and the scores tallied.

ELIGIBILITY...

Mentors whose students have entered a vehicle in either the international or a regional competition are eligible to participate. This includes mentors whose teams do not advance from a regional. Teams with multiple mentors may enter multiple vehicles. Exceptions can be made.

Participation is voluntary and will in no way affect, either positively or negatively, the student team's score.

DESIGN & BUILDING SPECS and COMPETITION RULES...

- Power is limited to a nominal 12 volts DC, 25 amps.

- Follow RANGER class safety rules.
- For information about the pool venue, see the student team design specs and rules.
- Mentors must design and build their own vehicles. Student team ROVs may **NOT** be used in M.U.D. Wrestling.
- Student team members may not assist in the construction of the mentor's vehicle. This event is for MENTORS ONLY. Mentors MUST pilot their own vehicles. One vehicle per mentor.
- Communication between mentors, student team members, audience members, and/or opponents is highly encouraged.

THE MISSION...

A vehicle wins the match by:

- 1) Pinning the opponent ROV to the bottom of the pool for a 5-second count; OR
- 2) Holding the opponent ROV to the surface for a 5-second count; OR
- 3) Holding the opponent ROV against the side of the pool for a 5-second count.

If after 10 minutes neither vehicle has accomplished victory, the competition judges will decide the winner.

BONUS SCORING...

- 5 bonus points for any mentor dressing in costume
- 10 additional bonus points for the best costume

There may, or may not, be a shark in the water.

PRIZE...

The Grand Champion will receive a gift basket filled with local delights AND a MATE t-shirt.