

Hackwise Hackathon

IEEE TEMS x IRIS Fest

Final Round: General Guidelines for Participants

Final Round Dates: 16 - 17 January 2026

1. Participation & Team Rules

Teams must consist only of the registered members. **No additions or substitutions are allowed.**

At least 50% of the team members must be present during the presentation round, any exceptions to this rule must be immediately reported to the POC.

Each team must be present on time for their allotted slot.

2. Presentation Format

Each team will be given a fixed time slot for:

- Project Presentation (10 minutes)
- Followed by a Q&A round with the judges (5 minutes)

Exceeding the time limit may result in score deductions.

Presentations should clearly cover:

- ★ Problem statement
- ★ Proposed solution
- ★ Technical approach
- ★ Innovation/uniqueness
- ★ Impact and feasibility
- ★ Demo/ Prototype/ MVP (if applicable)

3. Originality & Fair Play (Strict Policy)

All submissions must be original work created by the team.

Plagiarism, copied code, borrowed projects, or similar submissions (from GitHub, hackathons, or other sources) are strictly prohibited.

🚫 If any team is found submitting plagiarized or copied work:

Their participation will be immediately revoked.

Furthermore, they will be restricted from participating in any future events organized by IEEE or IRIS Fest (including but not limited to associated bodies).

Judges' decisions regarding originality and fairness will be final and binding.

4. Code & Resources

Use of open-source libraries and APIs is allowed, provided they are properly acknowledged.

Internet access (if provided) should be used responsibly.

Any third-party tools or datasets must be clearly mentioned during the presentation.

5. Conduct & Discipline

Participants are expected to maintain professional behavior at all times.

Any form of misconduct, arguing with judges, or disruptive behavior may lead to disqualification.

Respect fellow participants, volunteers, organizers, and judges.

6. Evaluation Criteria (Indicative)

Judging will broadly be based on:

- ❖ Innovation & creativity
- ❖ Technical depth
- ❖ Practical feasibility
- ❖ Problem relevance
- ❖ Presentation clarity
- ❖ Prototype/ MVP quality
- ❖ Team understanding during Q&A

7. Indicative Problem Domains / Themes

Participants may be working on solutions related to (but not limited to):

- AI / Machine Learning
- FinTech & Digital Payments
- Healthcare & MedTech
- Sustainability & Climate Tech
- Smart Cities & IoT
- Cybersecurity & Privacy



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- EdTech
- Supply Chain & Logistics
- Social Impact & Public Welfare
- Automation & Productivity Tools

8. Final Notes

Judges' decisions will be final and non-negotiable.

Teams are advised to test their demos beforehand.

Have backup slides/screenshots in case of technical issues.

Most importantly: innovate, present confidently, and enjoy the experience. We are thrilled to host you at IIM Indore! :)