

Code of Conduct – D.A.V. Codefest

D.A.V. Codefest is committed to nurturing an inclusive, respectful, and innovation-driven environment. This document outlines the standards of behavior expected from all participants and the consequences of misconduct.

Ethics & Originality

- All projects must be built during the D.A.V. Codefest event timeline. While using pre-existing libraries or resources is allowed, reusing prior codebases without full disclosure is prohibited and may result in disqualification.
- Teams must indicate any reused components and their purpose in the final submission. Failure to disclose reuse may lead to disqualification.

Who Can Participate

- Open to students studying any undergraduate program.
- Participants must currently be enrolled in a college or university.
- Organizing team members from D.A.V. College are not eligible to compete.
- Selected participants may be asked to present: a valid student ID or any kind of identification can be used as a proof of being an undergraduate student.

Prohibited Substances & Behavior

- Use/consumption of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, vaping devices, or **non-vegetarian food items** on D.A.V. College grounds is strictly forbidden.
- Violators will be asked to leave the venue and will be disqualified.

Team Composition

- Teams must consist of 3–5 members.
- Solo participants are not allowed for this hackathon.

Building Your Project

- Development must begin only after the official start of the hackathon.
- Participants are encouraged to plan, ideate, and sketch designs beforehand.
- You may use any language, IDE, or tool, provided it is open-source or you hold the required license.
- Projects must not include content that violates the spirit of inclusion, such as racist or discriminatory content, sexually explicit material, or any offensive, hateful, or violent themes.

Submission Process

- Only verified and registered teams may submit projects.
- All submissions must strictly follow the given format and deadline.
- Plagiarized or reused work without disclosure will not be accepted.
- At least one team member must present the solution to the panel during the final evaluation phase.
- Expert judges will assess the work based on creativity, execution, and impact. Their decision is final, though teams may seek feedback afterward.

Respecting Shared Spaces

- Maintain cleanliness and hygiene across the venue.

- Do not use unauthorized areas or tamper with event-provided hardware (routers, multiplugs etc.) or any kind of utility inside college premises.
- Treat the workspace, volunteers, and fellow participants with respect.

Integrity & Fair Conduct

- We expect all participants to uphold a high standard of honesty and collaboration.
- Any attempts to misrepresent contributions, mislead judges or organizers, or undermine another team's work will be viewed as violations of ethical conduct.

Zero Tolerance for Harassment

D.A.V. College is a harassment-free space. Unacceptable behavior includes but is not limited to:

- Verbal abuse or discrimination
- Unwanted sexual attention
- Public display of sexual or violent content
- Stalking or intimidation
- Taking pictures or recordings without consent

Reporting Issues

- If you witness or experience inappropriate behavior, please approach any organizing committee member immediately.
- Look for D.A.V. Codefest team members with designated Codefest IDs or uniforms.
- All reports are confidential and will be addressed promptly.

Consequences of Violations

Breaching the Code of Conduct may result in one or more of the following:

- Immediate disqualification
- Forced to leave venue, resources, or any given support
- Reporting to relevant authorities or institutions

Dispute Resolution

- If you believe you were unfairly accused of violating this Code, you may submit a grievance to the organizing team.

Participation in D.A.V. Codefest implies agreement to all guidelines outlined here. We're excited to see your ideas thrive in a respectful and collaborative environment.

All decisions made by the college and the organizing committee shall be final and binding with respect to the event.