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Guidelines

1. Eligibility:-

- The competition is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students from recognized institutions.
- Participants may register individually or in teams as per the specifications announced on the official platform.

2. Theme & Innovation Focus:-

- Projects must align with the spirit of **hardware innovation, prototyping, and real-world problem solving**.
- Emphasis will be placed on **originality, feasibility, scalability, and practical application** of the solution.

3. Project Development:-

- Selected teams will be provided with **necessary hardware components** to build and test their prototypes.
- Teams are expected to utilize the provided hardware responsibly and strictly for the approved project scope.

4. Mentorship & Progress:-

- Teams may receive periodic guidance, reviews, or checkpoints as part of the program to ensure structured progress.
- Any deviation from the approved project idea must be formally communicated to the organizing committee.

5. Final Presentation & Evaluation:-

- The **final evaluation and demonstration** of projects will take place **during E-Summit 2026**, scheduled from **30th January 2026 to 1st February 2026 at NIT Hamirpur**.
- Teams must present a **working prototype**, along with a clear explanation of the problem statement, solution design, and impact.

6. Judging Criteria:-

- Innovation & originality
- Technical execution
- Practical feasibility
- Social / industrial impact
- Presentation and clarity of thought



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Terms And Conditions

1. Hardware Support Policy:-

- The organizing committee will provide **hardware components only**.
- **No direct monetary funding** will be provided to any participating team under any circumstances.

2. Ownership & Return of Hardware:-

- All hardware components provided remain the **property of the organizing committee**.
- Participants are **mandatorily required to return all hardware** in proper working condition after the completion of the event.
- Any damage, loss, or misuse of hardware may lead to disqualification.

3. Usage Restrictions:-

- The provided hardware must be used **exclusively for Protoforce 2K26 projects**.
- Commercial use, resale, or unauthorized modification of the hardware is strictly prohibited.

4. Final Evaluation Clause:-

- The **final assessment** of all projects will be conducted **only at the Summit venue between 30th January 2026 and 1st February 2026**.
- Failure to present the project physically during this period may result in disqualification.

5. Awards & Recognition:-

- The **Top Three Projects** will be declared winners based on the jury's evaluation.
- Winners will be awarded an **exciting prize pool**, along with official recognition at E-Summit 2026.

6. Decision Authority:-

- All decisions taken by the **Organizing Committee and Jury** shall be final and binding.
- The committee reserves the right to modify rules, timelines, or evaluation parameters if required with prior notice.

7. Code of Conduct:-

- Participants are expected to maintain professional conduct throughout the event.
- Any form of misconduct, plagiarism, or rule violation may lead to immediate disqualification.