

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

Welcome to the COLOSSUS Hackathon. This document outlines the Terms and Conditions (T&C) that govern participation in the event. By registering and participating in the hackathon, all participants agree to abide by these rules and regulations. This hackathon is designed to foster innovation, collaboration, and the development of groundbreaking ideas in a competitive yet supportive environment.

## 1. Event Participation

### Eligibility

- Participation is open to individuals aged 18 years and above.
- Those under 18 years must provide written consent from a legal guardian.
- Participants can be students, professionals, or anyone with a keen interest in technology and innovation.

### Venue

- This is an offline event, and attendance at the specified venue is mandatory.
- Details regarding the venue, including location, date, and time, will be provided to registered participants via email.
- Participants are responsible for their travel.

### Freedom of Ideas

- Participants have complete autonomy over the ideas they develop and present during the hackathon. However, sponsors, judges, or other third parties may request details about your idea and offer funding or collaboration opportunities.
- Accepting or declining such offers is at the sole discretion of the participants. Organizers will not be involved in or responsible for any transactions, agreements, or disputes between participants and third parties.
- If any party fails to honor an agreement, the Organizers are not liable for any resulting consequences.

## 2. Health and Safety

### Responsibility

- Participants are responsible for managing any personal health conditions, including allergies to food ingredients or other environmental factors.
- The Organizers will provide information on food and beverages available at the venue, but participants must make informed choices.

- The Organizers are not liable for any adverse health reactions or incidents that may occur during the event.

### **Emergency Protocol**

In case of a medical emergency, participants should immediately notify the event staff. Basic first aid will be available on-site, and local emergency services will be contacted if necessary. However, the Organizers are not responsible for the costs of medical care or any other expenses arising from health-related issues.

## **3. Idea Submission and Evaluation**

### **Submission Format**

All ideas must be submitted in PowerPoint (PPT or PPTX) format. The presentation should be concise yet comprehensive, not exceeding 30 slides. Required sections include:

- Project Title
- Team Details
- Problem Statement
- Uniqueness of the Idea
- Key Features and Functionality
- Technologies Used
- Architecture Diagram

### **Submission Deadline**

- The final submission of ideas must be completed by August 20th. Submissions made after this date will not be considered.
- Participants are encouraged to finalize and submit their presentations well before the deadline to avoid any last-minute technical issues.

### **Evaluation Criteria**

Submissions will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- **Relevance:** The alignment of the idea with the hackathon's theme.
- **Innovation:** The novelty and creativity of the idea.

- **Feasibility:** The practical implementation and scalability of the solution.
- **Impact:** The potential of the idea to solve real-world problems and benefit society.
- **Presentation Quality:** The clarity, organization, and overall quality of the presentation.

## Selection Process

- An evaluation panel consisting of industry experts, mentors, and representatives from the Organizers will review all submissions.
- The top-scoring ideas will be shortlisted, and the teams will be notified via email.
- Shortlisted teams will have the opportunity to present their ideas during the event.

## 4. Payment and Refund Policy

### Registration Fee

- Participants are required to pay the full registration fee at the time of registration.
- Payment is to be made through the designated payment gateway, Razorpay.
- The registration fee is non-negotiable and non-refundable, except under specific conditions outlined below.

### Refund Criteria

Refunds will only be issued under the following circumstances:

- **Non-Selection of Idea:** If a participant's idea is not selected for further consideration, they will be eligible for a 90% refund of the registration fee.
- **Failure to Submit:** No refund will be provided if a participant fails to submit their idea by the deadline or fails to attend the event after their idea is selected.
- **Refund Request Timeline:** Requests for refunds must be submitted within 14 days of receiving the idea rejection notification. Refund requests made after this period will not be entertained.
- **Refund Process:** Refunds will be processed through the same payment method used for registration. Participants should allow 7-10 business days for the refund to appear in their account.
- **Withdrawal:** If your team is selected to proceed to the Hackathon, the registration fee is non-refundable. However, if a team is selected for the offline round and subsequently rejects the offer, they will not be eligible for a refund.

## **5. Intellectual Property**

### **Ownership**

Participants retain full ownership of the ideas and projects they develop and submit during the hackathon. The Organizers claim no rights over any intellectual property created as part of the event.

### **License**

By participating, participants grant the Organizers a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, and display the submitted ideas and projects for promotional purposes. This includes showcasing projects on the event website, social media, and other marketing channels.

### **Confidentiality**

The Organizers will treat all submissions as confidential. Members of the evaluation panel are bound by non-disclosure agreements and will not share or disclose any details of the submissions outside of the evaluation process.

## **6. Dispute Resolution and Liability**

### **Disputes**

Any disputes arising out of payment, refunds, or other financial matters must be submitted in writing to the Organizers within 30 days of the event's conclusion. The Organizers will review the dispute and make a final, binding decision.

### **Liability**

- The Organizers will not be held liable for any financial losses incurred by participants due to registration fees, travel expenses, accommodation costs, or any other expenses related to the event.
- In the event of cancellation or postponement of the hackathon, the Organizers' liability will be limited to the refund of the registration fee.

### **Damages**

- In the event of damage to property or injury to individuals caused by a participant or their team, the responsible party will be held fully accountable.
- They will be required to compensate for the damage immediately and pay the specified amount upfront.
- The Organizers reserve the right to take legal action if necessary.

## **7. General Rules**

### **Original Work**

- All submissions must be the original work of the participants.
- Plagiarism, copying, or unauthorized use of another person's work will result in immediate disqualification and possible legal action.

### **Right to Modify**

- The Organizers reserve the right to modify, amend, or update these Terms & Conditions at any time. Any changes will be communicated to the participants promptly, and the updated T&C will be made available on the event website.

### **Compliance**

- Participants are required to comply with all rules and guidelines set forth in this document. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the event without any refund.

## **8. Additional Clauses**

### **Disclaimers**

- The Organizers are not responsible for any agreements or transactions between participants and third parties, including sponsors, judges, or mentors.
- Participants should exercise due diligence and caution when entering into any agreements.

### **Code of Conduct**

- Participants are expected to behave in a professional and respectful manner at all times.
- Harassment, discrimination, or any form of misconduct will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification and removal from the event.