



TERMS & CONDITION

By accessing the website, registering, or participating in **HackTheSpring'26**, all participants, team members, mentors, judges, volunteers, and attendees agree to abide by the following Terms & Conditions.

1. GENERAL ACCEPTANCE

- Participation in any event of HackTheSpring'26 constitutes **full and unconditional acceptance** of these Terms & Conditions.
- Ignorance of the rules or policies shall not be considered a valid excuse for non-compliance.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- Participants must be enrolled in a **recognized educational institution**.
- Valid college/institute ID proof must be produced upon request.
- Event-specific eligibility conditions must also be satisfied.

3. REGISTRATION RULES

- Registration must be completed through the **official registration platform** only.
- Registrations are **non-transferable**.
- Providing false, misleading, or incomplete information may result in cancellation without notice.
- The organizing committee reserves the right to **accept or reject any registration** without assigning a reason.

4. EVENT PARTICIPATION & TEAM FORMATION

- Refer to the FAQs of the particular event.
- **TEAM FORMATION**
- Team size varies depending on the event.

- Teams may range from **Individual participation (1 member)** to **4–5 members**, depending on event-specific rules.
- Participants must strictly follow the **team size limits defined for each event**.

5. FEES & PAYMENTS

- Registration fees are **non-refundable and non-transferable**.
- No refunds shall be provided in cases of:
 1. Disqualification
 2. Absence or late arrival
 3. Rule violations
 4. Technical issues from the participant's side

6. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLIANCE

- All participants must comply with:
- The **Overall Code of Conduct**
- The **Code of Conduct of the specific event** they are participating in.
- For better understanding and compliance, participants are strongly advised to **refer to the Code of Conduct of their respective event**.

RULE PRIORITY

- In case of any conflict between general rules and event-specific rules, **event-specific Code of Conduct and rules shall take precedence**.

7. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

- Participants retain full ownership of their ideas, code, designs, prototypes and projects.
- By participating, participants grant HackTheSpring'26 permission to:
 1. Display projects during the event
 2. Use abstracts, screenshots, photographs, and demo videos
 3. Publish results and summaries for academic, reporting, and promotional purposes
- Proper credit will be given to participants at all times.

8. PLAGIARISM & ORIGINALITY

- All submissions must be **original work**.
- Plagiarism, misrepresentation, or unauthorized use of third-party work is strictly prohibited.

- Use of Generative AI tools (ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot) is permitted for **debugging and boilerplate code** but must be **disclosed**. The core logic and execution must be **original**. Direct submission of AI-generated projects without significant human modification will lead to disqualification.
- Any violation will result in **immediate disqualification**.

9. JUDGING & EVALUATION

- Evaluation criteria will be defined separately for each event.
- Judges' and jury members' decisions are **final and binding**.
- No appeals, re-evaluations, or score discussions will be entertained.

10. SAFETY & PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Participants are responsible for:
 1. Their personal belongings
 2. Their devices, tools, and equipment
- The organizing committee is **not liable** for loss, theft, or damage of personal property.
- For Offline Events: The organizers will provide Wi-Fi access. However, in the event of unforeseen network failure, participants are advised to have personal hotspots as a backup.
- Participants must follow all safety instructions issued by organizers or venue authorities.
- The college campus has a green environment with animals. Harming animals or damaging the campus environment is strictly prohibited. Participants must maintain a safe distance from animals and follow all safety guidelines.

11. DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

- Any damage to college infrastructure, equipment, or property caused by a participant or team will be their sole responsibility.
- The organizing committee reserves the right to recover repair or replacement costs

12. MEDIA, PHOTOGRAPHY & RECORDING

- Photographs and videos may be recorded during the event.
- Participation implies consent for usage of such media in:
 1. Official website
 2. Social media platforms
 3. Reports, posters, and promotional material

13. DISQUALIFICATION & REMOVAL

- The organizing committee reserves the right to:
 1. Disqualify any participant or team at any stage
 2. Remove participants from the venue
 3. Cancel participation without refund
- Reasons may include misconduct, rule violations, safety concerns, or unethical behavior.

14. EVENT MODIFICATIONS

- The organizing committee reserves the right to:
 1. Modify schedules
 2. Update rules
 3. Change evaluation criteria
 4. Merge, reschedule, or cancel events if required

15. FORCE MAJEURE

- The organizing committee shall not be held responsible for delays, disruptions, or cancellations due to:
 1. Natural disasters
 2. Government regulations
 3. Health emergencies
 4. Power, internet, or technical failures
 5. Any unforeseen circumstances beyond control
- All decisions taken by the **Organizing Committee and Faculty Coordinators** shall be final.
- Any disputes shall fall under the jurisdiction of **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- Participation in **Hack the Spring '26** confirms that the participant has read, understood, and agreed to all Terms & Conditions stated above.