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- *Discovery of a serious error that invalidates the dataset.*
- *Formal request from the university, PI, or institutional review board (IRB).*
- *Legal issues, including copyright violations or court orders.*
- *Ethical concerns, such as unintended disclosure of sensitive or personal information.*
- *Violation of third-party rights, including confidentiality or intellectual property restrictions.*

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Withdrawal requests may be submitted by the dataset's first author, any co-author, the supervising PI/academic supervisor, the affiliated university or its authorized representative (e.g., research integrity office), or an institutional review board (IRB).

All withdrawal requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the competition committee and platform administrators. Approval is not guaranteed, and a notice of withdrawal may remain visible to preserve the integrity of the scientific record.

#### **Procedure:**

- *If an error is identified **before the competition deadline**, the author/co-author/PI/university may notify the support team that the dataset was incorrect. In such cases, the dataset will be deleted, and the author may resubmit a corrected version.*
- *If the error is discovered **after the deadline but before publication**, the dataset will be disqualified and not published.*
- *If the error is discovered **after publication and DOI assignment**, the dataset can be removed from the FA platform only upon formal request and explanation of the error.*

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