

COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021

Terms & Conditions

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1 Objective

This document shall describe the terms and conditions for the COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021, hereinafter also referred to as COVID19India Datathon, *competition*, or *challenge*, or *datathon*, or *hackathon*, or *event*; and as the *committee* where referring to the organizing committee for the competition.

Person or persons agreeing to this document shall be considered to have expressly agreed to these terms and conditions, for themselves and for all persons that are part of their team constituted for entry into the COVID19India Datathon – they shall also be herein referred to as *participant*, *entrant*, *team* (in the plural), or *competitor*.

2 Eligibility & Entry Requirements

Eligibility to the competition shall be determined by the competition organizers, and added or updated to this section of the terms and conditions as necessary. The following rules shall apply.

All participants shall be 18 years or older of age at the time of entering the competition and signing these terms (or having them signed on their behalf); or shall have accordingly reached the age of majority in the relevant jurisdiction.

All government owned entities (GOE's) and any attached persons shall be excluded from eligibility to participate in the competition.

All participants shall provide their names and email addresses as a condition of participation.

None of the organizers (as listed) of the COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021 shall be allowed to participate as entrants in the competition in any form or manner.

Participating teams must have at least one collaborator from India (either from industry or from an accredited Indian university or college or school) at the time of participation to be eligible for cash prizes as determined in Section 13.

3 Limitation of Liability & Releases

IBM and the COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021 committee disclaims any warranties that may accompany participants' entry into the competition; or that shall knowingly or unknowingly accrue via these terms or via entry into the competition.

Acceptance of these terms and conditions shall limit any and all liability to IBM and the COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021 committee.

By accepting these terms and conditions, entrants to the competition, and competition winners, release IBM from any liability that may occur in connection with the COVID19India Datathon, also known as *the promotion*.

Void where prohibited by law.

4 Right to Cancel

The COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021 committee shall possess the sole right to cancel or otherwise change or suspend the competition, at their sole discretion, at any time.

Any changes of such nature shall be communicated in as reasonably expedient a time possible by the committee to participants, via the competition website (see Section 5) and an update to these terms; and any other means possible or necessary.

5 Website

Unless otherwise explicitly specified, all information pertaining to the competition, including these terms and conditions, shall be posted on the competition website, hereinafter also referred to as (competition) website or (competition) site or (competition) page. This website shall be resident at the following URL: ibm.biz/covid-data-india, and all resolving addresses and IP addresses therein.

It shall be the sole responsibility of competition participants to regularly check this website for all announcements, notices, regulations, and other information pertaining to the competition.

The COVID19India Datathon organizers shall make all reasonable and expedient efforts to keep this website up-to-date.

6 Submission Requirements

The COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021 is an open-ended Data Science and Machine Learning challenge on COVID-19 data from India. As such, we welcome all contributions. While we do provide, as part of the challenge description on the website, some example tasks that participants can attempt, final submissions are not limited to these tasks.

The final submission requires two elements: 1) A report documenting your efforts to be judged by our judges; and 2) A GitHub link to your code that generated the findings in the report. This could be either a link to the PR merged into the COVID-19 India codebase or a standalone repo containing your code (e.g. for analysis of data etc.).

7 Timeline

The COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021 will span from Dec 01 2021 to Mar 01 2022. The winners will be announced after a one-month review period (see Section 8) after the conclusion of the COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021.

8 Determination of Winners

Winners will be determined by a set of judges. A complete list of judges will be available publicly on the website. Decisions made by the judges will be final and binding.

For the purposes of the COVID19India Datathon, “winner(s)” shall be construed only as teams, and not individual participants. A team can have a singular participant.

No Winners In the unlikely case that there be no entries that are significant enough contributions to be judged as winners, as determined by our selection of judges, COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021 shall be declared to have no winner.

9 Rules Governing Multiple Entries

Participants are required to adhere to all rules governing teams, outlined in Section 10. Each team can submit only once and this submission will be considered as final.

10 Rules Governing Teams

The following shall be rules governing all teams constituted for the COVID19India Datathon; additional rules may apply as decided and notified – via an update to these terms and conditions, via the website, and via intimation to the participants and/or teams – by the COVID19India Datathon organizing committee.

10.1 Team Size Limits

Teams shall be limited to a maximum of 5 (five) participants per team.

10.2 Team Overlaps

There shall be no team overlaps; that is, no individual participant shall be permitted to be part of more than 1 team and enter the competition.

10.3 Team Mergers

Mergers between teams shall be prohibited.

10.4 Coordination Between Teams

Coordination between teams, including but not limited to sharing of code, information, strategies, datasets, and other items and artefacts pertinent to the competition – as judged by the COVID19India Datathon committee – is strictly prohibited without pre-approval.

Any desired coordination shall be pre-cleared and approved in writing with the COVID19India Datathon committee.

Any approved coordination shall come with the condition that the item, artefact, or mode of coordination (e.g. data) between the coordinating teams shall be made available to all other teams if thus directed by the COVID19India Datathon committee.

10.5 Disqualification of Teams

Teams shall be liable for disqualification for violating the rules governing them, unless prior written consent is obtained or alternate arrangement made (in writing) with the COVID19India Datathon organizing committee.

11 Licensing

All teams must follow the [MIT License](#)¹ for their contribution.

All teams commit to releasing all code associated with their entries (to the COVID-19 India Datathon @ IndoML 2021) under the terms of the MIT License at the end of the competition.

The MIT License is reproduced here in full, and teams are deemed to have accepted it by agreement to these terms and conditions at the time of making their final submission.

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12 Plagiarism and Cheating

Plagiarism in any form shall not be allowed.

All code may be checked for plagiarism using MOSS.²

Any entry found to be engaging in plagiarism of any form shall be disqualified immediately from the competition, and further action may be initiated.

Other potential forms of cheating, such as through multiple submissions, will also be actively determined.

Teams found to be in violation of the rules governing plagiarism and cheating shall be disqualified immediately from the competition.

¹<https://opensource.org/licenses/MIT>

²MOSS: <https://theory.stanford.edu/~aiken/moss/>

12.1 Collusion

No participant or team thus constituted shall collude, coordinate, or otherwise agree with other participants and/or teams to underperform or otherwise influence the outcome of the competition standings in any manner other than by submitting their own individual entries in the manners prescribed.

Any coordination between persons not on the same team; or between teams; shall be grounds for disqualification.

13 Prizes

The Top 3 winning teams, as determined by our judges in Section 8, will receive cash prizes with a combined worth of approximately 75,000 INR. Determination and distribution of cash prizes for the winners will solely be the responsibility of IIT Gandhinagar and organizers of the Indian Symposium on Machine Learning (IndoML).

A winning team must have an Indian bank account to receive cash prizes.

All major contributors, regardless of whether they are eligible for cash prize as per Section 2, will be invited to join the whitepaper on the COVID-19 India Dataset to include their findings, analysis, and models.

14 Other Terms

Terms and conditions of Kaggle, where the COVID19India Datathon dataset is hosted, and IndoML, where the COVID19India Datathon event is hosted, apply in addition to the COVID19India Datathon terms outlined in this document.

15 General Conditions

All laws and regulations that are applicable at various levels (local, state, national/federal) that are not otherwise mentioned in this document still apply.