

At HawkHack, we value a safe and welcoming environment for all participants. Our Code of Conduct sets clear expectations for all participants to ensure that everyone can enjoy the event while feeling respected and supported. Here, we will expand on each point of the code of conduct to provide more details and examples.

1. **Respect the space and each other:** HawkHack is a space where all participants should feel safe and respected, regardless of their background or skill level. We expect all participants to be inclusive and welcoming to all, treating others with kindness and respect. This includes respecting personal boundaries, being mindful of language and behavior, and avoiding any actions that may make others feel uncomfortable. For example, you may ask someone for their preferred pronouns, avoid using language or jokes that could be considered offensive, and avoid touching or invading someone's personal space without their consent.
2. **No cursing or inappropriate behavior:** In order to maintain a professional and respectful environment, we prohibit any cursing or inappropriate behavior. This includes any language or behavior that could be considered offensive or disrespectful to others. We expect participants to be mindful of their words and actions, as well as to avoid any actions that may make others feel uncomfortable. For example, you may avoid using profanity or slurs, and instead use respectful and appropriate language.
3. **Respect Wi-Fi and internet rules:** We want to ensure that the internet is available to all participants, so we ask that you do not abuse the Wi-Fi or internet rules. This means avoiding any actions that could negatively impact the internet for others, such as downloading large files or using excessive bandwidth. We also ask that you avoid visiting any websites that may be considered inappropriate or offensive.
4. **No discrimination or harassment:** HawkHack is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all participants. Discrimination and harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. This includes discrimination based on race, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, or disability. We expect all participants to treat others with respect and dignity, and to avoid any actions that could be considered discriminatory or harassing. For example, you may avoid making derogatory comments about someone's race or gender, and instead focus on their ideas and contributions.
5. **No plagiarism:** We expect all participants to respect the intellectual property of others. This means avoiding submitting work that is not your own or taking credit for someone else's work. We expect all participants to cite their sources and to provide credit where credit is due. For example, if you are using someone else's code or ideas, you should give them proper credit and cite your sources.
6. **Follow the rules of the event:** In order to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants, we ask that you follow the rules of the event. This includes any rules related to the use of equipment, food and drink, and safety. We also ask that you avoid any actions that could be considered disruptive or dangerous. For example, you may follow any safety protocols or guidelines, avoid bringing outside food or drinks, and avoid using equipment that you are not authorized to use.
7. **Report any violations:** If you witness any violations of this code of conduct, we ask that you report them immediately to the event organizers. We take all violations of this code of conduct seriously and will take appropriate action to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all participants. Reporting any violations can help prevent future incidents and ensure that everyone can enjoy the event without feeling uncomfortable or disrespected.

By participating in HawkHack, you agree to follow these rules and to help create a safe and welcoming environment for all participants. We believe that by following these guidelines, we can create a community of respect, support, and innovation that benefits everyone involved.