

# PawHacks Privacy Policy

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PawHacks ("PawHacks", "we", "our", "us") operates the site pawhacks.io to provide information regarding the hackathon, including the dates and locations, registration form, and more.

PawHacks is committed to protecting users' privacy and addressing potential privacy concerns. The following information has been posted to help you, the consumer, understand what private information we collect and how your information is used.

Please contact pawhacks@northeastern.edu with any requests, questions, or concerns relating to this Privacy Policy.

## 1. Types of private information collected

To best serve your needs, we collect the following types of information when you visit pawhacks.io.

### 1.1 Personal information

We collect the following personal information from our users:

- Name
- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Google ID
- University Name
- University Email Address
- Age (Over 18 or not)
- Gender
- Race
- Shirt Size
- Hackathon Experience

You can always choose to provide less information. However, omitting some of this personal information may limit your ability to access all of the benefits of our website and services. For example, we will not be able to register you for the hackathon if you choose not to disclose whether you are 18 or older.

### 1.2 Automatically collected information

No data is automatically collected upon visiting the website. When you register with your Google email address for the first time, we will collect your first name, last name, email address, and Google ID.

Our website currently uses cookies to enhance its functionality. You may disable cookies in your web browser, but this may limit your ability to access pawhacks.io.

## 2. Policy on collecting sensitive personal information

PawHacks does not gather any of your sensitive personal information, such as your social security number, driver's license number, ethnicity, religion, health metrics, political associations, or details on your criminal background.

### 2.1 How the information collected is used

We only use your personal information to help you utilize everything PawHacks has to offer. This includes:

- Name for creating and logging into your account with Google
- Communicating our event schedule and details via email address
- Phone number for emergency contact
- Contacting you regarding updates to our event
- University name and university email address for verifying status as a student
- Age for knowing whether or not you are old enough to register for the event
- Gender, race, and hackathon experience for demographics data
- Shirt size for ordering a hackathon t-shirt for the participants

### 2.2 Length of time personal information is stored

We may store your personal information for an extended period of time, depending on how we need to use the information. For example, we'll keep your email address and name on file as long as you have an account with us.

### 2.3 Who the information is shared with

When in a team, your data (including name, email address, university, and phone number) will be shared with team members. If you choose to be in an open team (where anyone can join a team without direct invite from the team owner), your data stated above will also be shared with anyone who views your team.

We may share your information with third parties, but only those affiliates that PawHacks has fully vetted and created a partnership with. All data collected via registration will be shared with Major League Hackathon (to learn more, visit <http://tinyurl.com/3s73trc4>), and name and email address may be shared with third-party sponsors if given consent (for sponsors to contact teams if they wish).

## 3. Information Security

We do our best to keep your private information secure and safe. However, data leaks and malicious attacks do happen. Please understand that while we do our best to protect your data, providing your personal information is at your own risk.

#### 4. Ability to decline to provide personal information

You can, of course, decline to disclose your personal information to us. However, the failure to provide us with pertinent information will limit your ability to register for and attend PawHacks. Remember, we only ask for personal information that can help us fully provide our services to our applicants.

#### 5. Additional questions

If you have questions regarding this privacy policy, feel free to contact us at [pawhacks@northeastern.edu](mailto:pawhacks@northeastern.edu). A representative will respond to your privacy policy questions as soon as possible.