**FAQs for Smart India Hackathon 2019 – Shortlisted Teams**

1. **What are the documents required for registration at the venue?**

The following documents should be mandatorily carried along:

1. College photo id
2. Original College Authority letter with team details duly signed and stamped by Dean, Principal, Director or HOD
3. Government photo id
4. Original train tickets + photocopies (to be attached with travel allowance reimbursement application)
5. Team leaders will need to carry a cancelled cheque with them (to transfer the prize money in case the wins at the grand finale)
6. **By when must student’s complete registration?**

All teams are expected to reach their respective Nodal Center latest by Friday, Mar 1, 2019 by 6PM.

**No Team registrations shall be permitted on Mar 2, 2019 morning!**

**3. Can we change the Nodal Center?**

No, the teams cannot change their assigned Nodal Center. The shortlisted teams for the **“#SIH2019 Grand Finale”** will need to travel to the assigned Nodal Center only.

(<https://www.sih.gov.in/nodalCenterList>)

**4. Can team members of shortlisted teams be changed?**

A change of Team Leader is not permitted under any circumstances!

Team may however can change up to 3 team members, provided there is a valid reason for this change. The college is expected to issue a letter mentioning reason for change of team member, names and details of old and replaced team member. The letter should be on college letter head and must be duly signed by Dean, Principal, Director or HOD with a college stamp.

**4. Can mentors be changed last minute?**

Yes, with a letter from college on college letter head signed by Dean, Principal, Director or HOD with college stamp stating names of all team members and new mentors.

**5. Will my travel be reimbursed?**

Yes, reimbursement for travel by Train on Sleeper coach (2S) will be fully reimbursed for 6+2 members **(6 team members and 2 mentors).** Train fares will be reimbursed at actuals. In case a student decides to take a flight to the Nodal Center, he/she will be reimbursed only Train 2S base fare (as per government fare). In case a student needs to take a train + bus for travelling to the Nodal Center he/she will be reimbursed both.

**\*\***Tatkal charges if required will be provided.

**\*\***Same rule of reimbursement is applicable for return journey as well.

**\*\***The arrangement for booking of train tickets/bus is responsibility of teams themselves or their institutes. College faculty members traveling with teams for the grand finale are not eligible for any reimbursement of travel expenses.

**6. How will my travel be reimbursed?**

Upon arrival at the nodal center, students would find a TA counter besides the registration counter. Team leaders are expected to fill a TA application form and attach photocopies of train/ bus tickets for to and fro journeys for all team members including mentors. Team leader is expected to split the TA amount with all team members upon getting the reimbursement.

**7. Will the Nodal Center arrange for accommodation?**

Yes, the nodal centers will be arranging accommodation for the shortlisted teams during the grand finale. Boys and Girls both will have two separate hostels. Accommodation facilities for mentors will be provided.

**8. Will the Nodal Center provide me with food?**

Yes, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be provided only based on food coupons.

**9. How many systems are allowed at the time of finale?**

Each member must carry their own laptop.

**10. Will internet connectivity be provided at Nodal Center?**

Yes, but we cannot assure speed. Hence, we recommend students not to rely on internet availability provided by the host. Teams can bring along their own dongles for better speed.

**11. How will winners be announced?**

Every team will go through a rigorous process of 3 rounds of judging and 1 round of Power Judging which will be the last and final round.

**12. What will be the start and end time of the Grand Finale?**

SIH2019 Software edition Grand Finale begins on **Mar 2, 2019at 7:40 AM**. The Valedictory Session happens on **Mar 3, 2019 evening around 8:00 PM**

*\*\*Please note that this is a tentative schedule.*

**13. Are mentors a must?**

Yes, we recommend reach team to have a set of 2 mentors at the grand finale to provide the necessary guidance and support.

**14. What is the criteria for mentorship?**

For software edition, the mentor needs to have 4+ years of Industry/Academic experience to qualify as a mentor.

**15. Responsibilities of a mentor.**

Mentors along with the participating students work together as a team at the grand finale to build a working prototype.

**16. What happens if team is without a mentor? Will the team be disqualified?**

No, the team will not be disqualified but mentors must try to travel with the student teams to provide guidance and support.

**17. Can faculty be mentors?**

Yes, facultyhave an option of becoming mentors of their institute teams in software hackathon.

**18. Can SPOC be mentor?**

Yes, SPOCs have an option of becoming mentors of their institute teams in software hackathon.

**DOs for the students**

* Student teams must place their standees and banners near their seating area in the finale.
* Student teams and their mentors must be dressed in the specially designed T-shirts with Team names for the finale. The t-shirt design is available in **Students repository**
* Student teams will be allowed to bring half-baked or raw code to the competition
* Student teams will be allowed to bring their wireframes or UI screens to the competition.
* Student teams will be allowed to take rest in different sets.
* Student teams will be allowed to stay on campus at least till **Mar 4, 2019 noon**
* Student teams will be allowed to create a WhatsApp Group and a bridge for all communications within nodal center
* Student teams will be allowed to use proper licensed software
* Students must make social media posts about their activities during the finale from time to time by tagging **#SIH2019**

**Don’ts for the students**

* Student teams will not be allowed to register on 2nd March 2019
* Student teams will not be allowed to change their participants (except under special circumstances with special permissions from college and not more than three team members. Team name and team leader cannot be changed under any circumstances)
* Student teams will not be allowed to drink liquor on campus
* Student teams will be not be allowed any form of drugs without prescription on campus
* Teams are expected to abide by all rules and regulation of SIH2019 and Nodal center
* Teams are expected to maintain cleanliness at the nodal center campus