



# Hawk Hack Rules & Code of Conduct

## 1. Be Respectful & Inclusive

- Treat all participants, mentors, judges, and organizers with respect.
- Harassment, discrimination, or any form of offensive behavior (including but not limited to race, gender, sexuality, disability, or religion) will not be tolerated.
- Be mindful of your language and actions to create a welcoming space for everyone.

## 2. Maintain Integrity & Fair Play

- Projects must be built during the hackathon; pre-existing projects are not allowed unless they are significantly modified.
- Plagiarism, code theft, or misrepresenting work as your own is strictly prohibited.
- Collaboration is encouraged, but teams should not interfere with others' work in a disruptive manner.

## 3. Follow the Theme & Guidelines

- If the hackathon has a theme, your project should align with it.
- Submission deadlines must be followed; late entries may not be considered.
- Any AI-generated or third-party assets used must be properly credited.

## 4. Respect the Space & Equipment

- Keep the venue clean and respect shared spaces.
- Do not tamper with hardware, software, or systems that do not belong to you.
- Follow any specific venue rules regarding safety, internet usage, and personal belongings.

## 5. Ensure a Safe & Collaborative Environment

- No disruptive behavior, such as excessive noise, trolling, or sabotage.
- If conflicts arise, seek assistance from event organizers instead of escalating disputes.
- Mentors and judges are here to help—engage with them professionally and respectfully.

## 6. Intellectual Property & Ownership

- Teams retain ownership of their projects, but organizers may request permission to showcase submissions for promotional purposes.
- If using open-source code, ensure proper licensing and attribution.

## 7. Photography & Media Consent

- By participating in **HawkHack**, you acknowledge that event organizers may take photographs or videos during the hackathon.
- These photos or videos may be used for promotional purposes, including but not limited to social media, websites, and future marketing materials.
- If you prefer not to be photographed or recorded, please inform a staff member upon check-in, and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

## 8. Compliance & Enforcement

- Organizers reserve the right to remove participants who violate these rules without warning.
- Any decisions made by judges and organizers regarding disqualification are final.
- If you experience or witness any violations, report them to a staff member immediately.

By participating in **Hawk Hack**, you agree to abide by this **Rules & Code of Conduct** to create an awesome experience for everyone.



**Let's build, learn, and have fun!**