Code of Conduct

We expect students in 6.9630 Pokerbots Competition to hold themselves to a high standard of academic honesty. This document outlines our code of conduct - how we expect participants to act during the competition.

- **Bug Exploitation:** Pokerbots is an ever-changing competition run by students. Intentionally exploiting the poker engine, scrimmage server, or other resources that compromise the fairness of the tournament is not allowed and will be punished. Let us know immediately if you discover any security issue - anything beyond a minimal proof of concept is explicitly disallowed.

- **Rules Violations**: The Pokerbots competition has rules that dictate what strategies and techniques are allowed. These rules change slightly from year to year, so make sure to read the up-to-date rule guide for this year's competition. All rule violations will be treated as code of conduct violations.

- **Academic Dishonesty:** Academic misconduct occurs when a student misrepresents their academic accomplishments, or impedes others' opportunities of being judged fairly for their academic work. This includes, but is not limited to: plagiarism, fabrication, cheating, deception, and sabotage. This applies to both written assignments and code submissions alike.

- **Harassment:** Pokerbots strives to create a harassment-free environment for all students, regardless of sex, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, race, age, religion, or nationality. All forms of harassment are unwelcome in the Pokerbots competition and course. If someone or something makes you or anyone else feel unsafe or unwelcome, please report it to pokerbots@mit.edu as soon as possible.

Pokerbots strictly follows [MIT's Policies](#) on responsible and ethical conduct. Violations of MIT Policy, our Rules, and our Code of Conduct make the competition less fun for everyone.

If you find yourself questioning if your behavior follows this code of conduct, it probably doesn't. Violating these rules may result in a ban from current and future Pokerbots competitions and/or a referral to the MIT Committee on Discipline at the sole discretion of MIT Pokerbots.