

2025-2026 Competitive Events Guidelines



Website Coding & Development

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Expectation Item	Not Demonstrated	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Points Earned
Website Coding					
Style	Code spacing is not available. Style sheets and scripts are not used.	Script & style sheets are used but not separated. Code includes some comments.	Appropriately uses files and separates all languages.	Code spacing is well thought out.	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Website Usability					
Website Usability, Accessibility, and Navigation	Website is difficult to use or navigate. No evidence of accessibility features	Navigation is present but may be confusing or inconsistent. Accessibility is minimal or not fully considered	Website is user-friendly, with clear navigation and basic accessibility features (e.g., alt text, readable fonts). Structure supports a positive user experience	Website is highly intuitive and easy to navigate. Accessibility is thoughtfully integrated (e.g., keyboard navigation, color contrast, ARIA labels), showing strong attention to inclusive design and user experience best practices	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Color/contrast, background, and font are appropriate for the topic	No design principles applied	Color/contrast, font, or design choice is distracting	Color/contrast, font, and design choice are appropriate for the concept/topic	Color/contrast, font, and design choice enhance the experience for the user	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Graphics appropriate for topic	No graphic design principles applied	Graphics are distracting	Graphics are appropriate for the concept/topic	Graphics enhance the experience for the user	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Website Content					
Fully addresses the topic	Topic is not followed	Topic is not fully addressed	Topic is fully addressed	Users with no knowledge of the topic can identify based on site	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Site contains multiple elements providing evidence of coding skills	No evidence of website coding skill demonstrated	Website is coded using limited features	Website contains use of multiple coding skills	Website contains advanced coding skills	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Grammar, spelling, and punctuation	Website contains grammar or spelling errors	Website contains 3 or less spelling or grammar errors	Website contains one grammar and no spelling errors	Website is free of grammar and spelling errors	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Substantiates and cites sources used while conducting research	Sources are not cited	Sources/References are seldom cited to support statements	Professionally legitimate sources & resources that support statements are generally present	Compelling evidence from professionally legitimate sources & resources is given to support statements	
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points	
Project Evaluation					
Website is compatible with multiple platforms	Website is not compatible with any platforms	Website is only compatible with one platform	Website opens appropriately on at least 2 platforms	Website is fully functional on multiple devices, including mobile phones, tablets, and computers	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	
Website interactivity functions and is error free	Website interactivity contains errors that prevent the execution	Website interactivity contains errors that did not prevent execution	Website interactivity is error free	Website interactivity is error free and enhances the experience for the user	
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points	

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Website elements are consistent across all pages	Only one page is presented	Pages are not consistent	Pages are consistent	Pages are consistent and elements enhance the experience for the user		
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points		
Source Code & Documentation Requirements	No source code or documentation is provided. Project appears to use a template or lacks original work.	Source code is shown but may be incomplete or disorganized. Documentation is missing or unclear. Potential template use is evident.	Source code is original, complete, and available upon request. Documentation includes proper citations and source attribution. No templates used.	Source code is well-organized, clearly written, and fully original. All sources and materials are properly documented with professional presentation. Demonstrates strong ownership and understanding of the development process.		
	0 points	1-9 points	10-16 points	17-20 points		
Presentation Delivery						
Statements are well-organized and clearly stated	Competitor(s) did not appear prepared	Competitor(s) were prepared, but flow was not logical	Presentation flowed in logical sequence	Presentation flowed in a logical sequence; statements were well organized		
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points		
Consistently displays confidence, poised body language, engaging eye contact, and effective voice projection.	Did not demonstrate any of the listed skills	Demonstrated 1-2 of the listed skills (confidence, body language, eye contact, or voice projection)	Demonstrated 3 of the listed skills (confidence, body language, eye contact, or voice projection)	Demonstrated all skills, enhancing the overall presentation		
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points		
Demonstrates the ability to effectively answer questions	Does not respond to questions or responses are completely off-topic.	Provides incomplete or unclear answers that show limited understanding.	Responds accurately and clearly to most questions, showing adequate understanding.	Responds confidently with clear, accurate, and thoughtful answers that enhance the overall presentation.		
	0 points	1-6 points	7-8 points	9-10 points		
Presentation Protocols						
Adherence to Competitive Events Guidelines	Competitor(s) Did Not Follow Guidelines	Execution Aligned with Guidelines: (All criteria must be met) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Used only allowable technology devices (sizing specs followed; maximum of three) ✓ Presentation aligned with the assigned topic ✓ Maintained professional boundaries during set-up time (no interaction with judges) ✓ Did not leave materials behind after the presentation ✓ Links or QR codes were displayed appropriately (not clicked or scanned by judges) ✓ Audio was presented without external speakers (preliminary round) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Avoided use of food or live animals ✓ Templates are not used 				
		0 points	10 points			
Staff Only: Penalty Points (5 points for dress code penalty and/or 5 points for late arrival penalty)						
Presentation Total (220 points)						
Name(s):						
School:				Section:		
Judge Signature:				Date:		
Comments:						