



## Code Festival 2026: Official Rules and Regulations

### 1. General Overview

Code Festival 2026 is an international celebration of tech talents, data science, focusing on app development and robotic solutions. By registering for the event, all participants agree to abide by the rules set forth in this document.

### 2. Eligibility and Registration

**Age Requirements:** The festival is open to individuals aged 10 and 21. Participants under 10 will be considered at the request of their teacher, coach, parent. All participants must provide a signed parental consent form and be accompanied by a guardian. (Downloaded from the website)

**Team Composition:** Teams may consist of **1 to 4 members**. Cross-institutional and international teams are highly encouraged.

**Registration Deadline:** All participants must complete online registration **three weeks before the national competition in your country**. No on-site registrations will be accepted for competitive tracks.

**Documentation:** Valid government-issued photo ID, passport and School IDs is required for check-in and prize disbursement.

### 3. Competition Categories, Theme and Tracks

All projects must adhere to this year's theme: **THE GREEN EARTH.**

Participants may enter one of the following primary tracks:

- ✓ **App Development, Web development & IoT**
- ✓ **Robotic solution.**

## 4. Technical Requirements and Originality

**Hardware:** Participants must bring their own laptops and any specialized hardware (microcontrollers, sensors, etc.). The festival provides high-speed Wi-Fi and power strips.

**Original Work:** All participants should present their original work. Use of open-source libraries and APIs is permitted, provided they are publicly available and credited.

## 5. Code of Conduct

Code Festival 2026 is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone.

**Professionalism:** Harassment of any form—including offensive comments related to gender, race, religion, or disability—will result in immediate disqualification and removal.

**Collaboration:** While competition is encouraged, sabotage of other teams' work or hardware will lead to a permanent ban from future events.

**Academic Integrity:** Plagiarism or the use of "black-hat" hacking techniques against the festival infrastructure is strictly prohibited.

## 6. Intellectual Property (IP)

**Ownership:** Participants retain **100% ownership** of the intellectual property they create during the festival.

**Promotional Rights:** By participating, teams grant the organizers a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use project names, descriptions, and media (photos/videos) for promotional purposes.

## 7. Judging and Evaluation Criteria



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A panel of industry experts will evaluate projects based on the weighted scale provided in the guide book

## 8. Prizes and Awards

**Disbursement:** All awards shall be disbursed to all winners at the venue.

**Taxes:** No cash awards will be made, however at the Grand finale, winning teams will receive letters of admission into the incubation center. Date and time of commencement will be communicated in the letter.

## 9. Safety and Security

**Bag Policy:** All bags are subject to search at the venue entrance.

**Prohibited Items:** No weapons, illegal substances, or flammable materials are allowed on the festival campus.

**Health:** On-site medical staff will be available 24/7 for the duration of the Code festival.

