

Code of Conduct – CodeYatra 2025

Our Commitment

CodeYatra is dedicated to fostering an inclusive, respectful, and collaborative environment for all participants, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, mental or physical disability, physical appearance, neuro(a)typicality, religion, level of knowledge, level of experience, parental status, marital status, socioeconomic background, political affiliation, or any other attribute.

All participants, mentors, judges, sponsors, and organizers are expected to uphold these values and contribute to an environment where everyone feels safe, welcome, and empowered.

General Guidelines

1 Be Respectful

- Treat everyone with kindness and respect.
- Avoid offensive, derogatory, or inappropriate language and behavior.
- Constructive feedback and healthy discussions are encouraged, but personal attacks, insults, or harassment will not be tolerated.

2 Be Inclusive

- Encourage participation from all individuals, embracing diverse ideas and perspectives.
- Foster an environment where everyone feels valued and heard.
- Avoid actions that may exclude others, such as monopolizing conversations or dismissing ideas without consideration.

3 Maintain Professionalism

- Communicate clearly and constructively in all interactions, including verbal, written, and digital communication.
 - Use appropriate language in presentations, discussions, and online platforms.
 - Refrain from any form of harassment, intimidation, or inappropriate physical or verbal interactions.
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Event Policies & Rules

4 Respect Event Guidelines

- Follow all event rules, schedules, and instructions provided by organizers.
- Respect the event venue, including facilities, equipment, and provided materials.
- Possession and consumption of alcohol or illegal substances are strictly prohibited during the event.
- To ensure security and smooth operation, participants can't exit the college premises during the hackathon except in cases of emergency, in which participants must inform and obtain permission from the designated authority.

5 Ethical Participation

- Cheating, plagiarism, or unethical behavior is strictly prohibited.
- Submissions must be original, and all external resources must be credited appropriately.
- Re-using past work or submitting pre-built projects is not allowed.

6 Collaboration & Teamwork

- Work ethically within your team and contribute fairly.
- Do not disrupt other teams or interfere with their projects.
- If you face difficulties, seek help constructively from mentors or organizers.
- Teams should remain open and welcoming unless restricting interaction with others significantly enhances productivity.

7 Privacy & Data Protection

- Respect the privacy of fellow participants. Do not share personal information without consent.
- Ensure that any data used in your project complies with legal and ethical standards.
- Avoid exposing sensitive data, including passwords or confidential information, in project submissions or presentations.



Zero-Tolerance for Harassment

8 No Harassment Policy

Harassment in any form is strictly prohibited. This includes but is not limited to:

- Offensive comments or behavior related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, race, or religion.

- Deliberate intimidation, stalking, or unwanted photography/recording.
- Unwelcome sexual attention or advances.
- Any form of discrimination or hate speech.
- Heated arguments, fights, use of vulgar language

If you experience or witness harassment, report it immediately to an organizer. All reports will be handled confidentially.

Reporting Misconduct

9 How to Report Issues

If you encounter any behavior that violates this Code of Conduct:

- Notify an organizer, volunteer, or designated contact immediately.
 - Contact us via email at codeyatra.official@hcoe.edu.np or through the Discord server.
 - Organizers will investigate and take appropriate action, which may include warnings, removal from the event, or legal escalation if necessary.
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Media & Photography Policy

- Photos and videos may be taken by us during the event for promotional and documentation purposes.
 - By participating in CodeYatra, you agree that your image or likeness may be included in event-related media.
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Rules for Participants:

- Participants will receive a designated theme, and their projects must adhere to it.
- A minimum of two participants must be seated at their designated table at all times during the event, excluding during meals, sleeping at night, itinerary events, or any other understandable situations.
- Experienced judges will evaluate the final projects using a set of judging criteria.
- Participants are requested to bring their personal belongings such as laptops, water bottles, hygiene essentials, and any additional peripherals they may require.
- Organizers have every right to amend the existing rules or introduce new rules at any time before/during/after the contest to adapt to any situations that may arise. Any such rules must be followed by all the members of each team.

- Participants will be provided an online submission form where they need to fill in details regarding their project. As such, participants are not required to create additional documents/presentations/demos describing their project, unless requested by the organizers.
- Participants have the chance to interact with mentors present at the venue and receive guidance throughout the program.
- Participants are expected to demonstrate respect for the judge's decisions and feedback, regardless of the outcome or desired recognition.
- Participants are expected to maintain a tidy and well-organized workspace, demonstrating respect for the physical environment and equipment.
- Participants must not indulge in smoking, drinking alcohol during the event.
- Participants must follow all instructions or announcements made by the hackathon organizers during the event.
- Non-participants are prohibited from contributing to the projects. Mentors are allowed to provide general advice and help debug issues, but should not do participants' work for them.
- Participants must refrain from interfering with the progress or work of other teams.
- By participating in this contest, you agree that you have read the above rules and fully agree to adhere to them.

Rules for Project Development:

- No development should begin before the event's actual date and time. Any teams found violating this rule will be disqualified immediately.
 - This excludes written documentation, design sketches, and project plans.
 - Participants are allowed to use starter-kits / templates to skip things like boilerplate, setting up libraries / tools etc., given that such templates do not implement the project's main features.
Example:- Participants can't use WooCommerce, MedusaJS to make an ecommerce store project or use AI / ML models that have been pre-trained for their project's core features.
 - Any doubts regarding usage of an existing tool may be discussed with the organizers.
- Any software development tools, libraries, IDEs, and programming languages that conform to the Creative Commons License agreement standard or are freely available and/or you have a license to use them can be used during the event. Upon request, proof of license must be provided.
- A team cannot produce software that encourages hate, nudity, code of conduct violations, or illegal activities.
- Version Control Systems like Git must be used with frequent commits, which should be pushed to remote repositories on GitHub, GitLab, etc. to promote active participation and collaboration.
 - Participants must ensure their code is committed and pushed within the time limits.

- The remote repository should be publicly viewable.
 - Participants do not need to host projects / make them usable online, but should ensure they can show demos to mentors and judges.
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Consequences of Violations

Participants found violating this Code of Conduct may face:

- A **warning** from the organizers.
 - **Immediate expulsion** from the event without eligibility for prizes or recognition.
 - **Notification to their academic institution.**
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Acknowledgment

By participating in **CodeYatra 2025**, you agree to comply with this Code of Conduct. Let's work together to create an inspiring, respectful, and memorable event for everyone! Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to making CodeYatra a success! 🚀