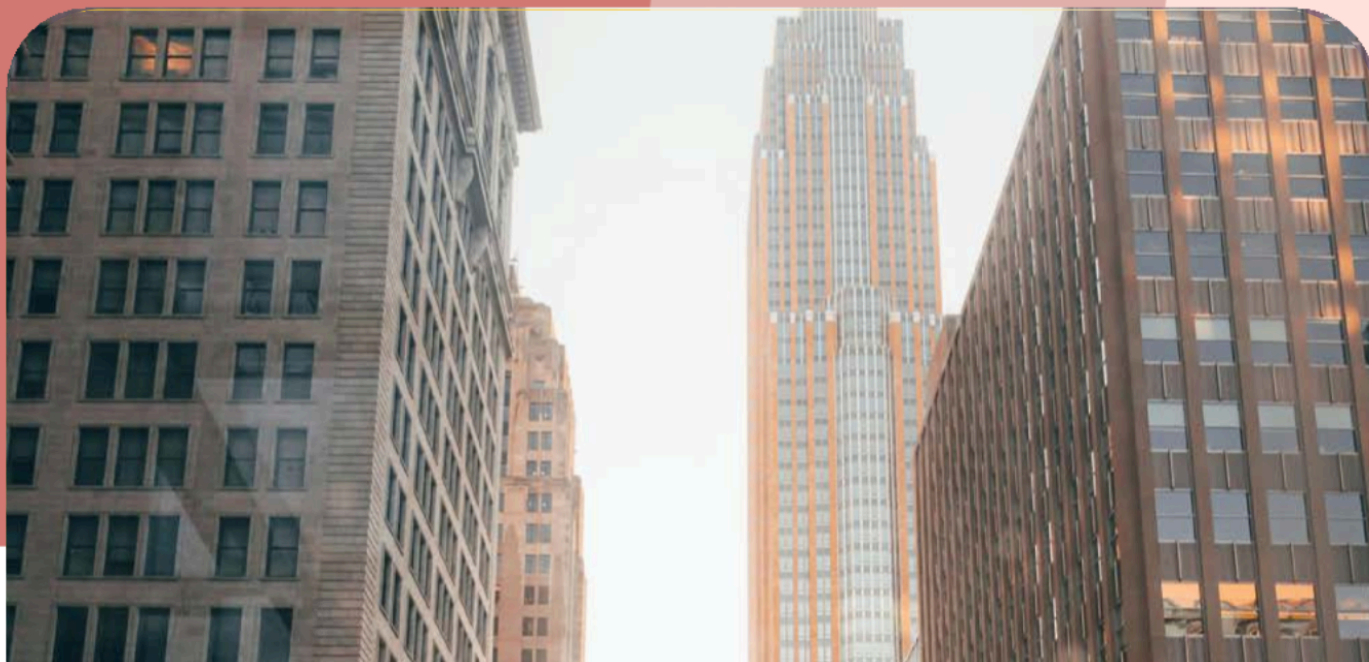




Undergraduate MIS Case Competition
University of Minnesota



Official Rules Packet

This document contains the official rules for CoMIS 2026. The CoMIS Organizing Board reserves the right to change or update these rules prior to the competition. The Organizing Board, in consultation with the Academic Advisor, Ken Reily, has the final say on issues not covered in these rules. Teams must follow the rules below to advance further in the competition. If further clarification is needed, feel free to email the Director of Competition, Logan Truong, at truon400@umn.edu

1. General

- 1.1. Each participating university must compete with a team of exactly four (4) active undergraduate student competitors unless they receive prior approval from the CoMIS organizing committee to compete with fewer during registration.
 - 1.1.1. In the event of a verified medical or personal emergency during the competition, an active team member may step down, and the team may continue competing with one fewer active member.
 - 1.1.2. Under no circumstances may a team compete, deliberate, or present with fewer than two (2) active members.
- 1.2. Students who have previously competed at CoMIS are not permitted to compete at CoMIS 2026.
 - 1.2.1. Observers who were present at a previous CoMIS but did not compete are permitted to compete at CoMIS 2026.
- 1.3. Coaches, faculty advisors, and observers are not permitted to interact with judges during the competition week until the Closing Ceremony, with the exception of official post-presentation feedback sessions.
- 1.4. No person other than the Case Writer(s), CoMIS Academic Advisors, and CoMIS Judges may view the cases prior to the beginning of the Deliberation periods.
- 1.5. In the event of a rules violation, dispute, or issue not explicitly covered in this document, the rules adjudication process will be as follows: The CoMIS Academic Advisor will convene an impartial panel consisting of team coaches and observers to describe the situation. Based on this consultation, the Academic Advisor will then make a formal recommendation to the Director of Competition and the CoMIS Organizing Board, who will make the final ruling.
 - 1.5.1. Rule infractions may result in consequences ranging from a formal warning to the team being rendered ineligible to advance to the Lightning Round or Final Round. In the spirit of the competition's educational goals, affected teams will still be permitted to present and receive judge feedback for all preliminary rounds.

- 1.6. Competitors are not permitted to watch other teams' presentations until they know they cannot proceed further in the competition or have presented in the final round

2. Case-specific

- 2.1. Competitors may not speak to or interact with anyone other than their teammates about the case during the deliberation period.
 - 2.1.1. If competitors need to interact with anyone other than their team and the CoMIS Organizing Board, they must first contact an Organizing Board member.
 - 2.1.2. Competitors shall not distribute the case to anyone, in person or online. This includes uploading or copying and pasting case content into an LLM, such as but not limited to ChatGPT, Gemini, Copilot, and Claude.
- 2.2. No one shall disclose to the judges their own school affiliation or that of any other competitor or team until after the conclusion of all Case II Final Round presentations.
- 2.3. Presentations are not to be shared with anyone outside of the competitors on the team for the duration of the competition.
- 2.4. Teams must deliberate in a single hotel room and will notify their Team Liaison which hotel room has been chosen as the deliberation room prior to the Case I Deliberation.
- 2.5. Teams must use a fictitious team name for the duration of the competition. Competitors must ensure that only their first names are displayed. Last names are not allowed. Teams must not reveal their University or geographic affiliation.
- 2.6. Competitors must submit their final presentation as a single .pptx file using the USB drive provided to the team before the end of their assigned deliberation period.
- 2.7. Teams must be escorted by an authorized CoMIS Committee Member or Liaison at all times whenever they leave their designated deliberation room
 - 2.7.1. If a competitor wishes to go to their second assigned hotel room, they must be escorted to the door of that room, but the Committee Member or Liaison is not required to stay with them once they are inside.
- 2.8. For Case I, competitors are not permitted to communicate with coaches, faculty advisors, or observers from the moment their team receives the case until all teams in their division are finished presenting.
- 2.9. For Case II, competitors are not permitted to communicate with coaches, faculty advisors, or observers from the moment their team receives the case until they are officially eliminated from the competition.
 - 2.9.1. The only exception is the Final Round. Competitors are permitted to communicate with coaches and faculty advisors once they have presented in the Final Round.

- 2.10. AI tools may not be used during any live competition events, such as presentations, Q&A sessions, or Lightning Round sessions.
- 2.11. For the Lightning Round, only one team member may speak to answer each question. No individual competitor may answer more than 1 question.
 - 2.11.1. In the event that a team is competing with fewer than four active members, no team member may answer more than 2 questions.