

Participant Code of Conduct

IQIC is a competitive event. Participants are expected to compete seriously while maintaining a professional, respectful, and safe environment for everyone involved.

Standards for participation

Respect

Treat people professionally

Participants must treat other participants, judges, mentors, volunteers, partners, and organizers with respect across official event spaces, live sessions, and event-related communication.

Integrity

Represent your work accurately

Be accurate about authorship, team contributions, tools used, data sources, results, project capabilities, and limitations. Competition integrity standards in the Competition Rules also apply.

Privacy & rights

Respect information and ownership

Do not expose private information or use code, data, media, credentials, or services in ways that violate applicable law, licenses, permissions, or third-party rights.

Event safety

Protect the competition

Do not disrupt event systems, interfere with other teams, manipulate judging, abuse infrastructure, or engage in conduct intended to undermine the fair operation of IQIC.

Conduct that is not permitted

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- Harassment, threats, intimidation, stalking, or discriminatory abuse
 - Sexual harassment or unwanted sexualized conduct
 - Doxxing, impersonation, or targeted disclosure of private information
 - Plagiarism, falsified work, fabricated results, or deliberate misrepresentation
 - Sabotage, malicious interference, or misuse of event infrastructure
 - Retaliation against someone for raising a concern in good faith
 - Unlawful conduct or violations of third-party rights
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Reporting Concerns & Enforcement

How to report

Contact hello@iqic.org

Send conduct, safety, integrity, or event concerns to hello@iqic.org. Include enough context for the organizers to understand what happened, when it happened, and who or what was involved.

Good-faith reports

You do not need perfect information

Participants may raise a genuine concern even when they do not have every fact. Knowingly false, malicious, or retaliatory reports are not permitted.

Review

IQIC may request additional information

When necessary, organizers may ask involved participants or witnesses for clarification, supporting material, or other information reasonably needed to review the concern.

Confidentiality

Information is handled with reasonable discretion

Reports are not automatically public. Information may be shared when reasonably necessary to investigate a concern, protect participants, administer the event, enforce the rules, or meet legal obligations.

Possible action

Responses are based on the circumstances

IQIC may issue a warning, remove content, restrict access to event spaces, invalidate a submission, disqualify a participant or team, or take another reasonable and proportionate action.

Related rule violations

Competition Rules may also apply

Conduct that affects eligibility, authorship, project integrity, judging, or submission requirements may be addressed under both this Code of Conduct and the Competition Rules.

Questions

Current policies and event information are published at iqic.org. Contact hello@iqic.org with questions or concerns.