



# HackTheBurgh XI Code of Conduct

HackTheBurgh is intended to be a fun, safe, and inclusive environment for hackers. To ensure that every hacker is given an equal opportunity in a welcoming environment, you must abide by the following guidelines. **Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the event** as well as future iterations of HackTheBurgh. Such disqualification would include the **removal of eligibility for project submission and travel reimbursement**.

We ask that all attendees approach HackTheBurgh with good intentions, kindness and a spirit of fun. Be welcoming and helpful to everyone, even if you've not met them before. Above all, make it a great experience for you and everyone else!

## Competition Restrictions

Participation in the event is limited to **currently enrolled students above 18 years old**. To ensure fairness during the hackathon, qualified entries are restricted to those started within the hackathon hours. Projects that contain code written before the official hacking start time will be disqualified; however, exceptions to this rule are made for publicly available open-source code and libraries. Submission of another group's or individual's work is considered cheating and will result in disqualification. Only **work built during the event** will be considered for prizes. The HackTheBurgh team reserves the right to disqualify projects for other forms of cheating not explicitly specified here. In particular, **misrepresentation of your hack, accidental or not, is considered cheating** (e.g. if you use an API or library in your backend and you do not disclose that you did not implement it yourself, you will be disqualified).

## Harassment

HackTheBurgh strictly abides by [the University of Edinburgh's dignity and respect policy](#). Harassment includes but is not limited to **offensive conduct, inappropriate behaviour, and unwelcome sexual attention**. This includes any improper verbal behaviour related to gender, race, age, sexual orientation, disability, nationality, or religion. **ANYONE** attending the hackathon is expected to comply with the anti-harassment policy.

If a participant engages in inappropriate conduct, the HackTheBurgh team reserves the right to take whatever action it deems appropriate, including issuing warnings and disqualifying participants.

Additionally, we'd like to note that our zero-tolerance harassment policy protects our volunteers, organisers and vendors. HackTheBurgh is entirely student run, please be kind to those running the event.

Sponsors, as well as hackers, are subject to the anti-harassment policy and will be sanctioned in the same way as hackers and volunteers if they are found to have violated it.

If you feel that you are being harassed, observe another person being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact HackTheBurgh representatives at [hello@hacktheburgh.com](mailto:hello@hacktheburgh.com).

If you are uncomfortable contacting the mailing list above, direct contacts on discord are listed below. Please feel free to message them directly or call during the event:

**Kshitij Sharma** [[@kshxtij](#)] **Dorna Hamed Barghi** [[@dorna\\_hb](#)]

For immediate assistance, the University of Edinburgh Campus Security can be reached at 0131 650 2257 all through the event.

HackTheBurgh reserves the right to revise, make exceptions to, or otherwise amend these policies. If you have any questions regarding this code, please contact the team by email at [communications@hacktheburgh.com](mailto:communications@hacktheburgh.com).

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