

# HACKNC 2021 CODE OF CONDUCT

HackNC 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. Participants are expected to follow these rules on all HackNC online platforms and at any HackNC events. Failure to do so may result in expulsion from the event as well as future iterations of HackNC. Such disqualification would **include the removal of eligibility for project submission and swag shipment**.

## COMPETITION RESTRICTIONS

Participation in the event is limited to currently enrolled undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate students who are at least 18 years of age (unless they are enrolled at UNC Chapel Hill). 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 HackNC 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 may be disqualified).

## EVENT BEHAVIOR

HackNC 2021 will be a hybrid event, spanning multiple online platforms, including Discord, Brazen, Youtube, and more, as well as multiple in-person venues, such as Fetzer Gymnasium. **You will be held accountable for any actions taken or messages sent** on or at event platforms/locations. Any inappropriate usage of the tools or virtual environments that HackNC provides may lead to being removed from the platform or expulsion from the event. All interactions are expected to be kept respectful and to align with the purpose of the event. A report button will be available on our live website and reporting features will be available on Discord to ensure that all accounts on the site are behaving according to the guidelines.

## COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES

**You must wear a face mask at all times while inside any University building.** Face masks are **not required** when outdoors but they are encouraged, especially when participating in any type of group event or gathering. All face masks **must** meet the following criteria:

- Fit snugly and securely over the mouth and nose and against the side of the face;
- Be secured by ties or ear loops;
- Allow for unrestricted breathing; and
- In the case of cloth face masks, be able to be laundered and dried without damage or change to shape.

Face masks may be removed to eat or drink food at any time. **Warnings** will be given to those who don't cover their face with a mask. If there are **multiple warnings**, that individual will be **banned** from the current HackNC and future HackNC events.

## HARASSMENT

HackNC strictly abides by UNC's harassment policy ([eoc.unc.edu/our-policies/ppdhrm/](https://eoc.unc.edu/our-policies/ppdhrm/)). Harassment

includes but is not limited to **offensive conduct, inappropriate behavior, and unwelcome sexual attention**. This includes any improper verbal behavior related to gender, race, age, sexual orientation, disability, nationality, or religion. **ANYBODY** attending the hackathon is expected to comply with the anti-harassment policy. If a participant engages in inappropriate conduct, the HackNC team reserves the right to take whatever action it deems appropriate, including issuing warnings and disqualifying participants.

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

If you are uncomfortable contacting the mailing list above, direct contacts are listed

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