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Code of Conduct
National Championship 2026

In addition to the General rules and regulations published by the WRO Association governing RoboMission, Future Innovators, Robosports, and Future Engineers categories the following additional rules shall also be enforced at the WRO India 2026 National Championship.

- A. **Code of Conduct:** Participants, Coaches, and Supporters shall not indulge in such behavior and practices that are not aligned with the spirit of the competition and shall lead to immediate disqualification of the team, immediate removal of all the participants and supporters from the game venue. Such behaviors could be, but not limited to:
- a. **Misbehaving** with any participants, supporters, visitors, organizers, and judges.
 - b. **Causing problems** or difficulties for other teams.
 - c. **Disrupting** the proceedings and normal flow of the competition.
 - d. **Illegal interaction** by the team coach or accompanying person with the student participants when restrictions are in force.
 - e. Attempting to **illegally support** the team by passing a program or solution when restrictions are in force.
- B. **Devices:** Laptops, mobile phones, tablets, USB drive/data transfer devices, hotspots, and other digital devices shall not be allowed to be brought into **GMR Arena Hall** by the supporters or team coaches. Two Laptops per teams **are** allowed by the participants inside the competition hall.
- C. **No bags** shall be allowed to be brought into the hall or the pit area by participants, supporters, or team coaches. However, participants can carry their water bottles with them.



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- D. Team participants will be allowed to carry their **robot kits and a maximum of two (2) laptops + chargers (without bag) per participant** into the pit area and booths. Laptops cannot be removed from the pit areas or booths after the surprise rule/surprise task announcement till the end of the game time.
- E. **Laptop swapping** with any other team member, coaches, and supporters shall not be allowed. The laptop should not be connected to the internet, if found any laptop connected to the internet will lead to the disqualification of that particular team.
- F. Students and their belongings are also **subject to search** at any time in the pit area. If any USB/Data Transfer device, mobile phone, tablet, hotspot device, or other communication device is found with them then the team shall be **disqualified** to participate in that round.
- G. Future Innovators category booth size will be 2 m x 2 m and the all-project elements, posters, and standees must fit the allocated space. No element shall be outside the booth. Teams must set up their booths on day 1 in the **allocated time**.
- H. **Identical robots and internet solutions:** The objective of WRO is to ensure that participants/students design, build, and program the robot on their own to solve the mission and learn in this process. Coach intervention and support are required during the build season that starts with the announcement of the WRO yearly challenge in the month of January every year. Each solution needs to be unique and should be an outcome of the creative talent of the participants and should be students' own work at the WRO.
- a. If two or more Robots are found to be identical or similar in design, the judges will direct the teams to carry out the **necessary amendments** in the physical design of the Robot so that they are not identical or similar looking. The judges can point it out to the teams at any time during calibration, practice, or robot inspection time. The teams will implement the design change to the satisfaction of the Judges.



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Once the Judges are satisfied that the design changes carried out by the teams have made visible and adequate differences in the design of previously identical robots, they may allow the team to participate in the Robot run. In case the team(s) fail to comply with this requirement, the team will not be allowed to participate in that Robot run.

- b. Team **technical interviews** may be conducted on suspicion and/or randomly in any of the competition rounds. Coaches or supporters will not be allowed to participate, help, or speak on behalf of the team in the interview. Teams do not need to prepare any presentation or documentation for this technical interview.
- c. Robots that are the same or too similar to the solutions available on the internet shall **not be allowed to participate** in the run. They may be allowed to participate if they change their design with the allocated time for that run or in other runs.

I. Surprise Task/Surprise Rule:

- Teams can bring pre-build robots to the competition. There will be no need to construct and program robots on the spot.
- A surprise rule/surprise task will be announced on each day 2 and day 3 of the competition.
- Teams will be allowed to take their robots back with them at the end of each day.
- For the detailed updated guidelines for RoboMission and other categories please visit and refer to the respective document in the update section.

J. Ethics and Technical Committee:

- a. A committee shall be announced on the day of the competition to monitor and enforce the rules and regulations of WRO. The decision of the ethics committee shall be final and binding on all.



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- K. **Violation:** Any violation of the above rules can lead to a penalty or disqualification of the team from the competition.

Thank you and wish you all the best for the National.

Sincerely,

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