

# Code Wars – Participant Guidelines

## 1. Event Overview

Code Wars is a competitive coding event where participants solve logical and programming problems within a limited time. Performance will be evaluated based on correctness, efficiency, and speed. The competition follows a knockout format until a winner is determined.

- **Date:** February 23, 2026
- **Total Participants:** 32
- **Registration:** Free
- **Prize Pool:** Rs. 7,000
  - Winner: Rs. 5,000
  - Runner-up: Rs. 2,000

## 3. Eligibility & Registration

- The event is open only to registered participants.
- Registration must be done before the stated deadline.
- No participant substitution is allowed after registration closes.

## 3. Competition Format

- The competition will follow a 1-vs-1 knockout format.
- In each round, participants will be paired against one another, and each pair will compete simultaneously.
- Each match will consist of a fixed number of programming problems to be solved within a specified time limit.
- The participant with the higher score in a match will advance to the next round.
- The organizers reserve the right to modify pairings, match structure, or the number of rounds in case of technical or logistical constraints.

## 4. Scoring & Evaluation

- Solutions will be judged primarily on **correctness**.
- **Execution time** and **efficiency** will be used as tiebreakers.
- Partial or hard-coded solutions may receive reduced or zero points.
- The decision of the judging system and organizers will be final.

## 5. Code of Conduct

- Participants must compete honestly and independently.

- **Plagiarism, code sharing, or use of unauthorized resources (including AI tools)** is strictly prohibited.
- Any form of misconduct may lead to immediate disqualification.

## 6. Allowed & Prohibited Resources

- Only C/C++ programming language must be used.
- Internet access, AI tools, or external help are **not allowed** unless explicitly stated.
- Using pre-written code snippets or libraries beyond standard language libraries is prohibited.

## 7. Technical Rules

- Participants are responsible for ensuring their system is functional before the event.
- No extra time will be granted for personal technical issues.

## 8. Tie-Breaking Policy

In case of a tie:

1. Higher number of correct solutions
2. Faster total execution time
3. Earlier submission time

## 9. Appeals & Decisions

- Any concerns must be reported immediately to the event coordinators.
- Appeals after the completion of a round may not be entertained.
- The organizers' decision in all matters is final and binding.

## 10. Prize Distribution

- Prizes will be awarded to the winner and runner-up after final verification.
- Prize money is subject to applicable taxes.

By registering for **Code Wars**, participants agree to abide by all the above rules and guidelines. The objective is to ensure a fair, competitive, and enjoyable experience for everyone.