

## 2018 AQUAHACKING CHALLENGE

### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

#### 1. ELIGIBILITY

- Participants must be 18 or older.
- The organizers' and sponsors' employees and their immediate families (i.e. their spouses, siblings, children, parents, spouses' parents and the spouses of any of those individuals) and their household members (related or not) are not eligible to participate in the AquaHacking Challenge.
- Participants must register to the AquaHacking Challenge on the website [www.aquahacking.com](http://www.aquahacking.com) and be part of a team.
- All participants must supply their full name, an address and an email address to register. If any of this data is incomplete or incorrect, the entry is deemed to be invalid and the participant loses all rights to claiming a prize.
- All participants must provide their own computer.
- The AquaHacking Challenge begins on March 21, 2018 and ends October 25, 2018 (for 5 finalists' teams). The challenge ends on June 9, 2018 for teams taking part to the semi-final but not moving to the final.

#### 2. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Hacking teams own the results of their work in relation to the solution developed during the 2018 AquaHacking Challenge.

#### 3. PARTICIPATION AND LIMITATIONS

- To be eligible for both the semi-final and final all teams must abide by the directions provided to them in advance of each stage.
- Solutions cannot be previously developed products that have received funding to be developed, including but not limited to startups with less than 3 products.
- All proprietary code used in the proposed solutions must be developed during the Challenge period, though we allow teams who have previously started work on design, wireframes, or mock-ups.
- Teams must address **one of the issues/problem statements** available on the website [www.aquahacking.com](http://www.aquahacking.com) to be eligible.
- Teams can work on their solutions whenever and for as long as they want between March 21, 2018 and June 9, 2018. However, the five finalists' teams will have until October 25, 2018 to finish their solutions.
- Teams are limited to presenting a single project.

- To be eligible for the final, the teams **must** participate in the semi-final on June 9, 2018 for a chance to qualify.
- Teams must deliver all documentation supporting their project and all presentations (pitch) in **English only**.
- Two sets of evaluation criteria will be used the judges: one for the semi-final, one for the final. (The criteria for each is slightly different. See website for details.)
- During the semi-final and final pitch to the judges, the developed solution must be functional (or considerably advanced toward being so).

**The semi-final June 9, 2018 (pitch and judging)**

- All teams must submit a 3-pages max document describing their project at the latest on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at midnight.
- Teams **must have at least one representative pitching their project in person or via approved telepresence link** at the semi-final June 9, 2018 (see website for details)
- The semi-final will be held on June 9, 2018. For this event, each team must prepare a presentation of their project to the judges. The format of this “pitch” is at the team’s discretion. Each team will have 5 minutes to present.
- The 5 top solutions will be selected to go on to the final, to be held on October 25, 2018 in Toronto, Ontario. See website for details.

**The Lake Ontario watershed expedition and retreat for finalists teams July 13-15, 2018**

- The expedition is **mandatory** for all the finalists’ teams. To accommodate finalists’ participants, at least 2 representatives per team have to attend the expedition.
- The expedition will take place from July 13 to July 15 in the Elbow Lake Environmental Education Centre (see website for details)

**The final October 25, 2018 (pitch, judging and prizes)**

- Each of the teams selected to compete in the final must submit a document describing their project by Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 midnight at the latest.
- The final will be held on October 25, 2018 in Toronto, Ontario. See website for details.
- Teams **must have at least one representative pitching their project in person** at the final October 25, 2018 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada (see website for details).
- For the final, each team must prepare a presentation of their project to the judges. The format of this “pitch” is at the team’s discretion. Each team will have 7 minutes to present.
- The jury deliberation and the announcement of the winning teams will take place on October 25, 2018 during the AquaHacking 2017 Final in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. See website for details.
- Finalist prizes are awarded to the winning teams and divided equally among the team members.

#### **4. GENERAL CONDITIONS AND PRIVACY**

- The Organizers reserve the right to disqualify any participant if there exists reasonable doubt that the entrant has attempted to undermine the legitimate operation of the challenge by cheating, deception, or other unfair practices. The same applies for all threats or harassment of other participants, staff members or jury members.
- Participants represent and warrant that they are the sole authors and copyright owners of the developed solution and that the solution is an original work of the participants, or if the solution is a work based on an existing application, that the participants have acquired sufficient rights to use; and that the solution does not infringe upon any copyright or upon any other third party rights of which the Participants are aware, and that the solution is free of malware.
- Participants agree that personal data entered during the registration, including name, address, phone number and email address may be processed, stored and used as part of the AquaHacking Hacking Challenge.
- The Organizers are committed to maintaining the participants' privacy and never sell or share their information.
- Participants agree to be photographed and filmed, and that their images may be used for promotional purposes by the Organizers.
- The Organizers are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Participants are encouraged to check with their insurance company or employer for coverage in case of theft.
- The Organizers will not be liable for: (i) any failure of the website before, during or after the AquaHacking Challenge; (ii) for any technical malfunction or other problems relating to the telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, servers, access providers, computer equipment or software; (iii) the failure of any entry to be received for any reason, including, but not limited to, technical problems or traffic congestion on the internet or at any website or for any entry to be deemed inadmissible during Phase 1; (iv) any injury or damage to a participant's or any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or downloading any material in the AquaHacking Challenge; (v) any illness, injury, sleep deprivation, stress related illness/injury or any other illness/injury of any kind claimed to be caused by or related to a participant's entry or participation in this AquaHacking Challenge; and/or (vi) any combination of the above.
- The Organizers reserve the right, in their sole and absolute discretion, and without prior notice, to adjust any of the dates and/or timeframes stipulated in these Rules, to the extent necessary, for purposes of verifying compliance by any participant or Submission with these Rules, or as a result of technical problems, or in light of any other circumstances which, in the opinion of the Organizers, in their sole and absolute discretion, affect the proper administration of the Challenge as contemplated in these Rules.