VentureConnect Pitch Competition

Terms and Conditions

These terms and conditions are applicable for the VentureConnect Pitch Competition taking place in Helsinki, in May 2020. Please read carefully and contact the organizers via the website contact form if you have any questions.

Disqualification

- Organizer has the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify a company for a violation of the rules or an incomplete application.
- Organizer may prohibit certain company from participating in the competition or winning a prize if, in its sole discretion, it determines the company has attempted to undermine the legitimate operation of Organizer by deception, hacking or any other unfair practice.
- Organizer has the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any participant attempts to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other participants or representatives of Organizer.
- Entries containing pornographic material, defamatory statements or are otherwise deemed offensive by Organizer are prohibited from participating in the competition.
- Ineligible entries may be disqualified at any time without notice.

Cancellation

- Organizer has the right to cancel or suspend the competition with or without notice and for any or no reason.
- Organizer, and Organizing Partners, are not responsible and Participants hereby waive any claim for damages, claims, losses, or inconveniences caused by cancellation or suspension of the competition.
**Intellectual Property (IP)**

- By providing a submission to the competition, each Participant represents and warrants that the submission does not violate any applicable law or any third party intellectual property rights.
- Organizers and Organizing Partners do not make any claims to or take responsibility for IP that emerges from the competition.
- It is up to each team, solely, to determine ownership of any work that is created and developed during the pitch competition.
- Organizers and Organizing Partners accept no responsibility for resolving IP disputes among Participants.
- The risks of exposing an idea and/or IP may be outweighed by the benefits of the feedback and collaboration you will receive if people get excited about your submission.
- If you have concerns about the IP in your submission, we recommend consulting a lawyer before participating or sharing said IP.

**Publicity and Privacy**

- Participant hereby grants Organizers the right to use or refrain from using Company’s name and/or likeness in any video, photo, recording or media b-roll without Company’s review, approval or compensation.
- By applying and participating in competition, you are consenting to having HIMSS provide your information to third-party judges and partners. Personal information is collected for the purpose of registering teams for the pitch competition, administrating and promoting the pitch competition, communicating about current and future events, and will be provided to sponsors of the event.
- Applicants and participants expressly consent to receiving electronic messages relating to participation in the competition.

**Liability release and indemnity**

- Under no circumstance will Organizer, Organizing Partners or Sponsors be liable for any direct, incidental, indirect, special or consequential damages incurred by any participants or third parties in connection with, arising out of, or relating in any way to the competition or the official rules.
- Participant shall indemnify and hold Organizer, Organizing Partners, Sponsors and their officers, directors, employees, successors and assigns harmless against any claims, losses, damages, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ and other professionals’ fees) incurred by Participant in connection with, arising out of, or relating in any way to the competition or the official rules.
- All disputes, claims and causes of action arising out of or in connection with the competition, prizes, or the official rules, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action.
- Participant agrees not to use in any advertising, publicity, marketing, press release, or in any other way, the name, trademark, logo, symbol, image, likeness or other intellectual property of Organizer, Sponsors, or Organizing Partners without the prior written consent of Organizer, Sponsors, or Organizing Partners respectively.