

1. Introduction

Welcome to the RecSys'24 Challenge, organized by Ekstra Bladet (JP/Politiken Hus) ("Organizer"). This competition invites machine learning enthusiasts, data scientists, and innovators from around the globe to develop solutions that address *news recommendation*.

Please review the Terms and Conditions ("Terms") carefully before registering and participating. If you do not agree to these terms, you should not proceed with registration.

The following terms govern your participation in the RecSys'24 Challenge ("Challenge"). These terms form a binding legal agreement between you as a participant and the Organizer with respect to the Challenge.

For more detailed information about the Challenge, including objectives, datasets, and resources, please refer to the official website recsys.eb.dk ("Website").

2. Eligibility

To ensure fair competition and compliance with legal and ethical standards, the following eligibility criteria apply to all participants in the Challenge:

a. **Conflict of Interest:**

- By registering for this Challenge, you affirm that your participation does not conflict with any employment agreements, intellectual property rights, or other obligations that might constrain your involvement or affect the integrity of the Challenge.

b. **Affiliations:**

- Current officers, directors, employees, and advisory board members of Ekstra Bladet, as well as their immediate family members and persons residing in the same household, are not eligible to participate.

c. **Compliance with Local Law:**

- You are responsible for ensuring that you are legally eligible to participate in the Challenge under any local, state, national, or international laws that apply to you. It is your obligation to understand and adhere to any regulations or restrictions imposed by your jurisdiction.

3. Registration and Participation

Participation in the Challenge begins with a straightforward registration process and adherence to the following participation guidelines:

a. **Registration Process:**

- The Challenge's evaluation system will be hosted through the third-party open-source platform Codabench (<https://github.com/codalab/codabench>), which requires participants to sign up and accept the Terms and Conditions (<https://github.com/codalab/codalab-competitions/wiki/Privacy>).

b. **Account Restrictions:**

- Each participant is allowed only one account. Sign up must be completed using official contact information. Multiple registrations by a single individual are strictly prohibited and will lead to disqualification.

c. **Collaboration and Sharing:**

- Participants are prohibited from privately sharing code or data outside of their registered teams. Code sharing is permissible if it is done openly on the competition forum, accessible to all participants.
- Team mergers are permitted and must be executed by the designated team leader. The merged team must not exceed the total submission count allowed, calculated as the product of the number of submissions allowed per day and the number of days since the competition's inception. The team leaders must notify the Organizer and it must have been done before the Challenge ends.

d. **Submission Limits:**

- Teams may not exceed a size of 10.
- Participants are limited to 5 submissions per day.

e. **Professional Conduct:**

- A high standard of professionalism and respect is expected from all competitors and must be maintained throughout the competition. Instances of cheating, plagiarism, or any other forms of unethical behavior will be grounds for disqualification.

4. **Data and Resources**

a. **Data Description:**

- A comprehensive description of the datasets provided for the competition can be found on the Website.

b. **Data Usage Guidelines:**

- Participants are required to comply with dataset License Terms available on the Website.

5. **Competition Timeline**

- All dates and deadlines are further detailed and may be updated on the Website. We recommend that participants regularly consult this page for any updates to ensure compliance with the competition schedule.

6. **Submission Integrity**

a. **Submission Requirements:**

- To be eligible for prize consideration, participants must ensure that their submissions:
 - Adhere strictly to the format, structure, and deadlines detailed in the competition requirements specified on the Website.
 - The Organizer retains the authority to evaluate submissions and to request any source code and related information necessary to reproduce the results presented in the submission.

b. **Intellectual Property Warranty:**

- By submitting an entry, participants affirm that to their best knowledge, the submission does not infringe upon any third-party intellectual property rights, including but not limited to copyrights, patents, trademarks, or trade secrets.

c. **Validity of Submissions:**

- Submissions will be considered void if they are, in whole or in part, illegible, incomplete, damaged, altered, counterfeit, or obtained through fraudulent

means. Additionally, submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted. The Organizer reserves the right to exercise sole discretion in disqualifying any participant who submits work that fails to meet the competition requirements or breaches any aspect of these Terms.

7. Confidentiality and Privacy

a. Use of Personal Information:

- Upon acceptance of a prize, participants consent to allow the Organizer and its affiliates to use their name and/or likeness for advertising and promotional purposes. This is without the need for additional compensation, except where prohibited by law.

b. Anonymity:

- Participants who choose not to present their results publicly at the associated workshop are entitled to participate under a pseudonym. Results will be displayed on the Challenge's leaderboard under the chosen pseudonym to protect the participant's privacy.
- Confidentiality: While pseudonyms are used publicly, participants must privately disclose their actual identity to the competition organizers to be eligible for prize claims.

c. Data Handling by the Organizer:

- By participating in the Challenge, you consent to Ekstra Bladet's collection, processing, sharing, and storage of your personal data in accordance with applicable data protection laws.
- Participants have the right to inquire about the processing of their personal data. If you wish to correct, block, or delete your personal data, please reach out to the Organizer through the provided contact form on the Website.

8. Prizes and Awards

a. Prize Details:

- The total amount available for competition prizes is \$10,000.
- Prize Allocation:
 - First Place (Overall): \$3,500
 - Second Place (Overall): \$2,500
 - Third Place (Overall): \$1,500
- Special Category - Academic Teams:
 - First Place (Academic): \$1,500

b. Award Criteria:

- The prizes will be awarded based on the highest scores achieved, in accordance with the evaluation criteria set by the Organizer. The determination of winners is subject to the Organizer's sole discretion, following the competition's official rules and requirements.
- If the winners choose not to accept the prize money, it will be donated to a charity.

c. Tax Responsibility:

- Winners are responsible for the payment of all taxes that arise as a result of receiving a prize. It is the sole responsibility of each winner to assess their tax implications and fulfill the obligation in accordance with their jurisdiction's tax laws.

9. Right to Cancel, Modify, or Disqualify

The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the Terms at any time. Participants will be notified of any significant changes. If for any reason the Challenge cannot be run as planned due to reasons beyond the Organizer's reasonable control, including but not limited to infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity, or proper conduct of the Challenge, the Organizer reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Challenge. The Organizer further reserves the right to disqualify any participant who tampers with the submission process or any other part of the Challenge or Website. Any attempt by a participant to deliberately damage any website, including the Website, or undermine the legitimate operation of the Challenge is a violation of these Terms and should such an attempt be made, the Organizer reserves the right to fully seek damages from any such participant of the applicable law.

10. Acceptance of Terms

By registering for the Challenge, participants explicitly affirm their understanding of and compliance with the terms and conditions. This acknowledgment is formally recorded through a deliberate action, such as checking a box or clicking an 'I Agree' button, which confirms that they have read, understood, and agreed to the Terms set forth by the Organizer. By agreeing to these Terms, you represent that you meet the above criteria and that you will abide by all rules and regulations of the Challenge. Any misrepresentation of eligibility may result in disqualification at any stage of the Challenge.