

The Safe Medtech Challenge – Mentor Regulation

Field	Details
Event	The Safe Medtech Challenge
Organizer	RoHealth – under the NoBoCap Project
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1. Purpose and role of mentors

This Regulation defines the role of mentors and the operational rules for mentoring during the hackathon. Mentors are experienced professionals invited to support teams through targeted, constructive and time-bound feedback. Mentors help teams think better; they do not do the work for them.

Mentors may cover areas such as problem validation, clinical/user workflow, product, UX, business model, market access, technology, AI/data, regulatory, ethics, research, pitching, implementation and sustainability.

2. Mentoring schedule

Day	Time	Format	Purpose
Day 1, 19 October 2026	17:00–18:00	Speed-dating mentoring	Early validation of the problem, target users, assumptions, solution direction and team plan.
Day 2, 20 October 2026	17:00–18:00	Speed-dating mentoring	Refinement of prototype, workflow, feasibility, impact, implementation plan and pitch narrative.

3. Speed-dating mentoring format

- Each mentor will be seated at a dedicated table, identified by name and area of expertise.
- Teams rotate between mentor tables. Each team has 10 minutes per mentor interaction.
- Recommended structure for each 10-minute slot: 2 minutes team context and problem; 2 minutes solution/prototype status; 1 minute key question/ask from the team; 5 minutes mentor feedback and next-step recommendations.
- A timekeeper appointed by the Organizer will announce rotations. Teams and mentors must respect the time limit to ensure equal access.
- If a team needs more detailed support, the mentor may recommend follow-up resources or a short additional discussion outside the official speed-dating slots, subject to availability and fairness to other teams.

4. Mentor feedback principles

Principle	How mentors should apply it
Constructive and actionable	Translate observations into specific recommendations: what to keep, what to change, what to test next and why.

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Aligned with judging criteria	Frame feedback around problem relevance, impact, innovation, feasibility, prototype/technical execution, sustainability and presentation quality.
Evidence-oriented	Ask teams what evidence supports their assumptions. Encourage quick validation through user interviews, workflow mapping, desk research, data checks or comparable solutions.
User and safety focused	Challenge teams to consider target users, real-world workflow, risks, unintended consequences, privacy, accessibility, inclusion and safety.
Balanced	Acknowledge strengths before highlighting risks or gaps. Avoid dismissive comments; focus on how the team can improve within hackathon constraints.
Respectful of team ownership	Do not impose your own solution. Offer options and trade-offs; the team decides what to implement.
Feasibility-aware	Help teams reduce scope to a credible prototype or MVP that can be presented clearly within the available time.
Non-confidential by default	Do not request or share confidential, patient, proprietary or sensitive data. If confidentiality arises, direct the team to the Organizer.

5. Recommended feedback checklist

- Is the problem clearly defined, important and specific enough?
- Who is the primary user/beneficiary and what workflow or pain point is affected?
- What evidence supports the need and the proposed solution?
- Does the solution improve outcomes, safety, access, efficiency, experience or cost in a plausible way?
- Is the proposed solution feasible with available skills, data, time and resources?
- Is the prototype/demo focused on the most important functionality?
- Are risks, privacy, ethics, clinical/user safety and adoption barriers considered?
- Can the team explain the value proposition in one clear sentence?
- What should the team remove, simplify or prioritize before final pitch?

6. Mentor conduct and conflict of interest

- Mentors must act professionally, respectfully and impartially toward all teams.
- Mentors must not favor a team due to personal, institutional, commercial or prior relationships.
- If a mentor has a conflict of interest with a team, they must disclose it to the Organizer and avoid giving privileged support that could affect fairness.
- Mentors must not write code, create slides, design assets or produce deliverables for the team. They may explain concepts, suggest resources and review team-created work.
- Mentors must not promise funding, prizes, employment, partnerships or jury outcomes on behalf of the Organizer or partners unless explicitly authorized.

7. Mentor feedback notes

Mentors may be asked to complete short feedback notes for teams and/or for the Organizer. Suggested format:

Field	Content
Team	Team name
Main strength	One sentence
Main risk/gap	One sentence

Field	Content
Recommended next action	One concrete action before the next milestone
Relevant criteria	Problem / impact / feasibility / prototype / business / pitch / other

8. Mentor profiles

Below is a ready-to-insert version for **Chapter 8. Mentor profiles**, structured as a 2-column table. I expanded the roles already listed in the Mentor Regulation — **Clinical mentor, Regulatory mentor, Investor mentor, Product mentor, Data/AI mentor** — and aligned the descriptions with the broader mentor scope mentioned in the document: clinical/user workflow, product, business model, market access, technology, AI/data, regulatory, ethics, implementation and sustainability. [\[2_Mentor_Regulation | Word\]](#)

8. Mentor profiles

Mentor profile	Description
Clinical mentor	The Clinical mentor supports teams in understanding the real healthcare context of the problem they are addressing. This mentor helps teams clarify the clinical or care pathway, target users, patient or healthcare professional needs, workflow constraints, safety implications and potential healthcare impact. The Clinical mentor may challenge teams to validate whether the proposed solution addresses a real and relevant healthcare need, whether it fits into existing clinical workflows, and whether it could improve outcomes, safety, access, efficiency or user experience.
Regulatory mentor	The Regulatory mentor supports teams in identifying the regulatory, legal, ethical and compliance considerations relevant to their proposed solution. This may include early guidance on whether the solution could fall under medical device, digital health, software, AI, data protection, cybersecurity, clinical validation or quality management requirements. The Regulatory mentor helps teams understand potential regulatory risks and encourages them to design solutions that are safer, more compliant and better prepared for future development.

Investor mentor	The Investor mentor supports teams in assessing the business potential, value proposition, market relevance and scalability of their solution. This mentor helps teams think about customer segments, stakeholders, adoption barriers, business model, reimbursement or payment logic, competitive positioning, go-to-market assumptions and investment readiness. The Investor mentor may also help teams refine how they communicate traction, impact, team capability and growth potential in the final pitch.
Product mentor	The Product mentor supports teams in transforming an idea into a clear, usable and feasible product or service concept. This mentor helps teams define the core user need, prioritize features, reduce scope, structure a minimum viable product, improve user experience, clarify the value proposition and align the prototype with the problem being solved. The Product mentor also helps teams avoid overbuilding and focus on what can be realistically demonstrated during the hackathon.
Data/AI mentor	The Data/AI mentor supports teams working with data-driven, analytics, machine learning, AI or automation components. This mentor helps teams assess whether the data approach is appropriate, feasible, ethical and explainable. The Data/AI mentor may provide feedback on data availability, data quality, bias, model assumptions, validation needs, privacy risks, technical architecture and responsible AI use. This mentor also helps teams clearly explain what is functional, what is simulated and what would be required for further development.

9. Escalation Rules

Mentors must escalate critical ethical, safety or legal concerns to the Organizer.