Airlift Challenge: Terms and Conditions

These are the official rules (terms and conditions) that govern how the Airlift Challenge will operate. The goal of the challenge is to design agents for air cargo operations in an airlift setting. This challenge will be simply referred to as the "challenge" throughout the remainder of these rules.

In these rules, "we", "our", and "us" refer to the organizer (AFRL) of the Airlift Challenge, and "you" refers to an eligible challenge participant.

If there is any change to these rules, the registered participants will be notified on the challenge webpage and/or at the email they provided with the registration.

Challenge schedule

The latest schedule is available on the documentation website (https://airliftchallenge.com/chapters/main.html#schedule). Registered participants will be notified by email if changes are made to the schedule.

Participant eligibility

You are eligible to register and compete in this challenge only if you meet all of the following requirements:

- You agree to the rules outlined within the challenge. Any participant who submits materials for consideration implicitly agrees to the rules outlined within the challenge.
- If you are under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian consent form is required to participate. The consent form is provided on our website
- You are not involved in any part of the administration or execution of this challenge, and are not a member of such persons' immediate family (spouses, children, siblings, parents).

Participants may not be registered on multiple teams. Each team is allowed to submit only one single final entry. We are not responsible for entries that we do not receive for any reason, or for entries that we receive but do not work properly.

Entry Submission

Participants are required to prepare entries as described in the Getting Started section of the starter kit (https://github.com/airlift-challenge/airlift-starter-kit#getting-started). Participants will follow the instructions on the CodaLab website to submit entries for evaluation.

By participating in this challenge, each participant warrants that they are sole author or owner of, or has the right to use, any copyrightable works that the submission comprises, that the works are wholly original with the participant (or is an improved version of an existing work that the Participant has sufficient rights to use and improve), and that the submission does not infringe any copyright or any other rights of any third party of which the participant is aware.

Evaluation of Entries

Entries will be evaluated via an algorithm that generates an Overall Score as defined in the Scoring section of the documentation website (https://airliftchallenge.com/chapters/ch4_competition/main.html#scoring). Entries will be evaluated against scenarios generated using parameters and random seeds which are unavailable to participants during the challenge. Entries will be ranked by Overall Score, and such ranking will be displayed on the CodaLab leaderboard ("Leaderboard"). The same scenarios and random seeds will be used to evaluate all entries from all participants. The three top-ranked, eligible participants will be considered winners.

Following the determination of winners, we will send a notification to the potential winners. If the notification that we send is returned as undeliverable, or you are otherwise unreachable for any reason, we may name an alternate winner. If the notification that we send is returned as undeliverable, or you are otherwise unreachable for any reason, we may declare an alternate winner. To the extent that there is any dispute as to the identity of the potential winner, the official account holder of the email address associated with the CodaLab account through which the entry was first submitted will be declared the winner.

Each participant (whether an individual, group of individuals, or entity) who participates in this challenge agrees to make their submitted solution code available to the public under an open-source license. The code must be deposited on an open-source platform (e.g., GitHub)

Disqualification

If you, any team member, or the entry is found to be ineligible for any reason, including but not limited to noncompliance with these rules, we reserve the right to disqualify the entry and/or you and/or your team members from this challenge and any other contest or promotional activity sponsored or administered in any way by us.

A participant is not allowed to create more than one account to participate in the challenge. Violating this rule will result in disqualification from the challenge.