AACPP WiSe 2025/26 Regulations

By participating in the course and submitting solutions to problems on the JudgeDB platform you acknowledge you have read and understood the following rules.

1. **Rounds.** There will be seven rounds of the contest. Each round takes two weeks and contains one task.
2. **Points.** Each task is worth 10 points. Points awarded during the round count double for grading purposes. After the round ends, submissions to that round's task can be sent until **01.03.2026**. The final score for a task is given as

$$\text{score} := 2s_r + \left(s_f - s_r\right)$$

   where s_r is the score obtained during the round and s_f is the final score at the end of the semester.
3. **Submissions.** Submissions are judged according to the Technical rules. The results on the system are final – solutions that do not work correctly in the specific controlled conditions of JudgeDB will not be reevaluated under different conditions in any circumstances.
4. **Grading.** The grading scale will be determined at the last meeting (04.02.2026) based on the points distribution, at the lecturer's discretion. It is guaranteed that exceeding 50% of all points results in a passing grade (i.e. achieving at least 71 points).
5. **Collaboration.** During the round the students are not permitted to collaborate when solving the task from that round. Collaboration is permitted for tasks whose round already lapsed, but each student must write the final submission code individually.
6. **External sources.** Copying or basing *parts* of the solution (such as individual algorithms or data sources) on external sources is permitted, but discouraged; however, the source's license must be respected and the source clearly attributed in all cases.

   a) As an example, copying the code of a Dijkstra routine from a StackOverflow answer is allowed, but must be clearly attributed, e.g.:

   ```
   // Code copied from https://stackoverflow.com/a/3447625/4646738
   void dijkstra() {
     while(!Q.empty()) {
       ... rest of the code here ...
     }
   }
   ```

   b) As a corollary, using generative ML models is **not** permitted, due to the inherent licensing and attribution issues.
7. **Plagiarism.** Copying code from another course participant is not allowed. Students have to respect the general rules of academic conduct. Submitted solutions will be subject to a plagiarism check.

   a) Again, do note that "unintentional" plagiarism might result from using generative ML tools trained on various external sources.