

# The Tech Challenge Kenya 2026 Team Registration Process

## Announcement of The Tech Challenge

*(January 15th, 2026)*

- The 2026 Tech Challenge is announced on our website and social media.

## Step 1: Register for The Tech Challenge

*(January 15, 2026- March 23rd, 2026)*

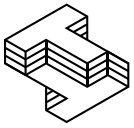
- Advisers are encouraged to fill out the registration form with their team of learners - one or two teams per adviser.
- NOTE: The deadline for all registrations is March 23rd, 2026. After March 23rd, advisers of teams who have completed registration, will receive the final submission form via WhatsApp.

## Step 2: Design, Build, Test, and Iterate a Solution to The Challenge

- Teams and advisers read the Rules, Team Guide, and Adviser Guide (on the website).
- Teams begin designing and testing their devices for the challenge.
- Advisers **must attend** at least one Team and Adviser Challenge Kick-off (TACK) Session - in person or the online TACK session (where possible, we encourage students to attend). Please check the website for details.
- WE ENCOURAGE ALL TEAMS TO REGISTER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. PLAN AND BEGIN DESIGN AT LEAST 3 MONTHS BEFORE FINAL SUBMISSION (\*\*please check final submission requirements on the next page).
  - Please make sure the adviser has completed the Design Challenge Learning (DCL) Course online course before final submission.
  - Please make sure the adviser has implemented DCL in a CBE project in class with students before final submission. A form will be attached to the registration form for the adviser to fill.



**PLEASE NOTE: The registration form is not an invitation to attend the showcase. You will have to go through the Step 3 Process of Final Submission (see next page) where a team of judges will evaluate and make the final decision for invitation to The Tech Challenge 2026 Showcase**



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### **Step 3:\*\*\* Final Submission**

**(March 24th - May 31st, 2026)**

- Requirements
  - Advisers must have completed the Design Challenge Learning online certification.
  - Advisers must have completed a CBE project using the DCL implementation in class with students.
  - **Advisers must have attended one Team and Adviser Challenge Kick-off (TACK) Session (enter TSC number and date attended) OR completed the TACK session online.**
  - Photos and videos of the team's device, journal, and team collaboration. Teams should continue to iterate on their devices after submission of the photos and videos. **(Please note the device and journal do not have to be complete at this point).**
- Please submit ALL of the following as part of the final submission process
  1. A photo of the adviser's DCL online certificate
  2. A completed CBE project form
  3. Certificate if attended TACK session online or in-person
  4. 2 photos of the team's journal entries highlighting brainstorming, materials and design drawings
  5. 2 photos of the device
  6. 1 one-minute video featuring team collaboration
  7. 30 second video evidence of team testing their device (visit a test trial or home/school test)

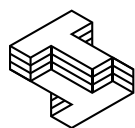
### **Step 4: Selection of Top Entries**

**(June 1st - 12th)**

- Judges will look at overall device performance, teamwork, and journals when assessing the submission form and at The Tech Challenge Showcase. They will look at aspects like:
  - The team journal has team member names listed and their roles
  - The team has recorded meeting minutes and notes in their journal (include things like sketches, measurements, materials, trials, failures, and lessons learned)
  - Creativity of device design- what materials you used, how many designs you created, what worked, what needed improving, a unique design
  - The testing process- show examples of how you tested your device
  - Real world examples and applicability- how can you relate your design to a real life example?
- **Selected teams will be notified by June 15th and invited to participate in The Tech Challenge.**

### **Step 5: Attend The Tech Challenge**

- Invited teams and their advisers will attend The Tech Challenge on
  - **Saturday, July 11th, 2026 in Kisumu**
  - **Saturday, July 18th, 2026 in Nakuru**



### Key Dates & Timeline

Date	Milestone	Details & Notes
January 15, 2026	Official Challenge Launch & Registration Opens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Challenge “Survive the Storm” is announced publicly.</li><li>Registration form (Google Form) opens.</li></ul>
January 15 – March 23rd, 2026	Team Registration Window (Step 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any interested team may submit the Registration Form.</li><li>Each advisor guides only one or two teams.</li><li>Information and Advisor Sessions held online/in-person to support registration.</li><li><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Teams will receive confirmation messages outlining next steps and communication that includes reminders about photo/video/journal final submission requirements.</li></ul>
March 24 – May 31, 2026	Final Submission Form (Step 2)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>A photo of the adviser’s DCL online certificate</li><li>A completed CBE project form</li><li>Certificate if attended TACK session online or in-person</li><li>2 photos of the team’s journal entries highlighting brainstorming, materials and design drawings</li><li>2 photos of the device</li><li>1 one-minute video featuring team collaboration</li><li>30 second video evidence of team testing their device (visit a test trial or home/school test)</li></ol>
June 1 – June 12, 2026	Judging & Review Period (Step 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Head Judges and reviewers evaluate submissions based on challenge criteria.</li></ul>
June 15, 2026	Notification of Selected Teams (Step 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Selected teams receive invitations to the Tech Challenge Showcase by June 15th, 2026.</li><li>Teams may continue to test and iterate on their devices.</li></ul>
July 11, 2026	Tech Challenge Showcase – Kisumu County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Selected teams present at Showcase</li></ul>
July 18, 2026	Tech Challenge Showcase – Nakuru County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Selected teams present at Showcase.</li></ul>