

OFFICIAL RULES – GalaChain Hackathon March 2024 Competition

1. **HOW TO ENTER:** No purchase or payment of any kind is necessary to enter or participate in the GalaChain Hackathon March 2024 Competition (the “**Competition**”). Any purchase or payment will not increase your chance of winning the Competition. The Competition begins at 11:00am PT on March 20, 2024 and ends at 11:00am PT on March 21, 2024 (the “**Competition Period**”). Throughout the Competition Period, you must follow the steps outlined in Section 1(a)-(j) below. Online and in person entry to this Competition by Blockchain Game Partners, Inc. d/b/a “Gala Games” (“**Sponsor**”) is the only method of entry and limited to one (1) Gala Games account. All referenced links throughout the Official Rules are embedded directly in the accompanying text. Incomplete, false or deceptive entries are void. The Winners will be picked and announced via email and/or Gala Games official social media or discord per the timetable in Section 3. Sponsor’s computer will serve as the official time keeping device for this Competition.

- a. All Participants may receive notification of the GalaChain Hackathon March 2024 (“Event”) via social media, in person at an event or email during the Competition Period.
- b. All Participants must currently have a Gala Games account or sign up for a Gala Games account to be eligible.
- c. All Participants must complete an Entry Form in its entirety from Gala Games’ official Hackathon website; links provided below.
- d. The Entry Form will require the Participant to provide a valid email address (same email address linked to the Gala Games account), address for shipping potential Prize to, and the track Participant wants to enter in (either Games Track or Open Track).
 - a. "Games Track" means a blockchain-based game leveraging GalaChain technology.
 - b. "Open Track" means a blockchain-based, decentralized application leveraging GalaChain technology.
- e. Participants who meet the criteria in 1(a)-(e) above will be eligible to participate in the Competition to win GalaChain Hackathon March 2024.
- f. Up to Twenty-Four (24) Participants may win the GalaChain Hackathon March 2024 Prize ("Winner(s)").
- g. There are a total of 5 reward groups: Judges' Favorites, Category Prizes, Participation, Sustainability and Innovation Prizes, Community Favorites and Mini-Challenges. The Categories shall consist of categories: Blockchain Integration, Best use of AI, Most Sustainable, Best UI/IX Design, Most Fun, Most Creative. The Participation and Innovation categories shall include Most Innovation Solution and Best Presentation.
- h. Participants must be in person at the Event to be eligible to receive the Judges’ Favorites Prize.
- i. All Participants will receive a NFT specifically created for the event valued at Five and 00/100 US Dollars (\$5.00 US Dollars)
- j. URLs:
 - Competition Platform - <https://www.galachain.com/hackathon/>
 - Gala Games - <https://app.gala.games/>
 - Gala Games Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/gogalagames/>
 - Gala Games Twitter - <https://twitter.com/GoGalaGames>
 - Gala Games Discord - <https://discord.gg/GoGalaGames>

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** The Competition is open to legal residents of the United States (excluding Florida and New York) and the District of Columbia who are the age of majority in their state of residence as of March 20, 2024 and other countries subject to that country's laws. Void where prohibited.

3. **SELECTING THE WINNERS AND NOTIFICATION:** The potential Prize winners will be selected either by a designated team of guest judges (for the Judges' Favorites category), by the community or by Sponsor, after compiling all eligible participants from the Competition Period (each an "**Participant**" and collectively the "**Participants**"). Participants may participate multiple times but may only win one (1) Prize. All prizes will be delivered within sixty (60) days after the Competition Period. Sponsor, whose decision is final and binding in all respects, will contact the selected Participant through the email provided on their Gala Games account registration ("**Notice**") on or after March 21, 2024 (each a "**Potential Prize Winner**"). Failure of Potential Prize Winner to respond to such notification within fifteen (15) days will result in disqualification of Potential Prize Winner and an alternate potential winner will be selected (each an "**Alternate Potential Winner**"). Alternate Potential Winner shall be contacted via email as soon as practicable and shall also have fifteen (15) days to respond. AN ENTRANT IS NOT A WINNER OF ANY PRIZE UNLESS AND UNTIL ENTRANT'S ELIGIBILITY HAS BEEN VERIFIED (WHICH MAY REQUIRE ENTRANT'S EXECUTION AND RETURN OF AN AFFIDAVIT OF ELIGIBILITY AND PUBLICITY AND LIABILITY RELEASE CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS HEREIN AND AS DETERMINED IN COMPANY'S SOLE DISCRETION), AND ENTRANT HAS BEEN NOTIFIED VERIFICATION IS COMPLETE (each a "**Winner**").

4. **General Conditions; License.** Except where prohibited by law, by entering the Competition or agreeing to accept the Prize or accepting the Prize, each Participant hereby irrevocably grants to Sponsor, the Competition Entities, and each of their licensees and sublicensees, affiliates, and assigns (collectively, the "**Licensed Parties**"), an irrevocable, royalty-free and fully paid up right and license (inclusive of the right to grant further sublicenses), but not obligation, to use the Participant's name, photograph, likeness, social media handles, statements, voice, and biographical information related thereto which are submitted, provided, posted, or otherwise used in connection with the Competition and use or enjoyment of any Prize (collectively, the "**Materials**"), throughout the universe, in perpetuity in any and all media, whether now or hereafter known or devised, for any and all purposes, including but not limited to commercial or advertising purposes, without review, credit, permission, or further compensation or consideration. Without limitation, each Participant understands and agrees that the rights granted herein include reproduction and/or exploitation of the Materials or derivatives thereto, in whole or in part, in any media throughout the world, in perpetuity and throughout the universe as may be conferred upon the Licensed Parties under all applicable laws, regulations, or directives. Participant hereby irrevocably waives all so-called "moral rights of authors" and "droit moral" rights (and any similar rights under the laws of any country of the world) in connection with the Materials and exploitation of any nature.

5. **PRIZES AND TAXES:** There will be up to twenty-four (24) total Winners selected. There will be three (3) Judges' Favorites with 1st Place receiving \$200,000 USDT, \$10,000 USD in AWS credit, \$25,000 in VGX token, and Alienware Monitor valued at \$400.00 USD, 2nd Place: \$150,000 USDT, \$5,000 USD in AWS credit, \$15,000 in VGX token and 3rd Place: \$100,000 USDT, \$5,000 USD in AWS credit, \$10,000 in VGX token; There will be six (6) Category Prizes (categories: Blockchain Integration, Best use of AI, Most Sustainable, Best UI/UX Design, Most Fun, Most Creative) with each Winner from BlockChain Integration and Best use of AI receiving \$50,000 USDT and \$10,000 USD in AWS credit and the remaining 4 categories receiving \$50,000 USDT and \$5,000 USD in AWS credit; There will be two Participation and Innovation Prizes (Most Innovation Solution and Best Presentation) with the Most Innovative Solution Winner receiving \$30,000 USDT and \$5,000 USD in AWS credit and the Best Presentation Winner receiving \$20,000 USDT and \$5,000 USD in AWS credit. There will be three (3) Community Favorites with 1st Place Winner receiving \$50,000 USDT and \$10,000 USD in AWS credit, 2nd Place: \$30,000 USDT and \$5,000 USD in AWS credit, and 3rd Place: \$20,000 USDT and \$5,000 USD

in AWS credit; There may be up to ten (10) mini-challenges (including debugging, fastest coding and security vulnerability identification) with each Winner receiving \$5,000 USDT (“Prize”). In the event a tie occurs, there shall be additional Winners. There shall be a reserve fund of up to \$50,000 USDT to address unusual circumstances or tie breaks. Limit 1 Prize and Giveaway Prize per family or household. No substitution or transfer of Prize or Giveaway Prize permitted by Winner. Additional restrictions may apply. Prize and Giveaway Prize may be collectively referred to herein as “Prize”.

Any applicable federal, state and local taxes and liabilities arising from this Competition, including, without limitation, excise tax (including sales tax), and other expenses not specifically set forth herein are the sole responsibility of each Winner. Each Winner shall provide, upon Sponsor’s request, all information that Sponsor may reasonably require to fulfill its obligations under any national, state, provincial, or local tax statute, regulation, or rule. Each Winner acknowledges that Sponsor will rely upon such information to prepare all relevant tax materials, if any, including the Internal Revenue Service form 1099 and w-2.

6. **RELEASE:** This Competition is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws of the United States. By participating, Participants agree to be fully and unconditionally bound by these Official Rules and the decisions of Sponsor and waive any and all right to claim ambiguity in the Competition or these Official Rules or that Participants’ publicity or similar rights were infringed upon. Participants and Winners also agree to release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless the Licensed Parties, GDC, Instagram, Twitter, and Discord and each of their respective parent, subsidiary, or affiliated entities, and each of the foregoing’s officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents (collectively, the “Released Parties”) from and against any claims, damages, disability, attorneys’ fees, and costs of litigation and settlement, as well as any liability due to any injuries, damages or losses to any person (including death) or property; or of any acceptance, possession, ownership, misuse of any Prize. Sponsor may rescind any Competition found to contain such errors without liability at its sole discretion.

SPONSOR AND THE COMPETITION ENTITIES DO NOT MAKE ANY WARRANTY, REPRESENTATION OR GUARANTEE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN FACT OR IN LAW, RELATIVE TO THE USE OF ANY PRIZE OR, IF APPLICABLE, ANY PRIZE COMPONENTS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, QUALITY, MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. FURTHER, NO RESPONSIBILITIES ARE ACCEPTED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL EXPENSES, OMISSIONS, DELAYS OR ACTS OR GOVERNMENT OR AUTHORITY.

7. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** The Released Parties are not responsible for: (i) lost, late, misdirected, undeliverable or incomplete entries due to system errors or failure, or faulty transmissions or other telecommunications malfunctions and/or entries; (ii) technical failures of any kinds; (iii) failures of any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Competition; (iv) unauthorized human and/or mechanical intervention in any part of the entry process or the Competition; (v) technical or human error which may occur in the administration of the Competition or the processing of entries; or (vi) any injury or damage to persons or property which may be caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or part, from Participant’s participation in the Competition or receipt or use of any Prize. If for any reason an Participant’s entry is confirmed to have been erroneously deleted, lost or otherwise destroyed or corrupted, Participant’s sole remedy is another entry in the Competition. If for any reason this Competition is not capable of running as planned, including, but not limited to, infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, or any other causes beyond the reasonable control of Sponsor which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Competition, then Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend all or any part of the Competition and to select potential winners from among all eligible entries received by Sponsor up until the time of such cancellation, termination, modification or suspension, as applicable.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, all judgments or awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket damages (excluding attorneys' fees) associated with participation in this Competition and shall not include any indirect, punitive, incidental and/or consequential damages.

8. **JURY TRIAL WAIVER:** EXPECT AS PROHIBITED BY LAW AND AS A CONDITION OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, ENTRANT HEREBY WAIVES ANY RIGHT HE/SHE/THEY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT TO ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF, UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS COMPETITION, ANY DOCUMENT OR AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO CONNECTION HEREWITH AND ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY.

9. **APPLICABLE LAWS AND JURISDICTION.** This Competition is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Issues concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules for this Competition shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, without regard to any principles of conflict of laws, except that the arbitration clause herein shall be governed by the Federal Arbitration Act. All disputes arising out of or connected with this Competition will be resolved individually, and without resort to class action, exclusively by binding arbitration by a single arbitrator in accordance with the then-current Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, in a county in New York designated by Sponsor. The arbitrator shall be an expert in the field of intellectual property law and marketing. All parties shall bear their own expenses, except that parties shall equally share the expenses of the arbitrator (except for the required non-refundable filing fees which shall be paid solely by the party asserting the related claim). Judgment on the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

10. **PRIVACY POLICY AND TERMS OF USE:** By entering this Competition, you acknowledge and agree that: (i) you have opted into the terms of use and privacy policies of Sponsor, the Competition Entities, Instagram, Twitter, and Discord, which may be updated from time to time; and (ii) by opting-in, you have read and consent to the foregoing. **Without limitation, by entering this Competition, you are giving your permission to receive emails from Sponsor.** Each Participant further acknowledges that if Participant is chosen as a Winner, certain of Participant's identifying information may be disclosed to third parties as required by law, including, without limitation, on a winner's list.

11. **NO ASSOCIATION:** This Competition is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by or otherwise associated with any social media platform, including but not limited to GDC, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Discord.

12. **RULES/WINNERS LIST:** For 15 days after the Competition Period, you may also send an email support@gala.com for the names of the Winners. Include GalaChain Hackathon March 2024 Competition - 2024 Winners' List" in the subject of the email. No correspondence will be entered into except as noted herein.