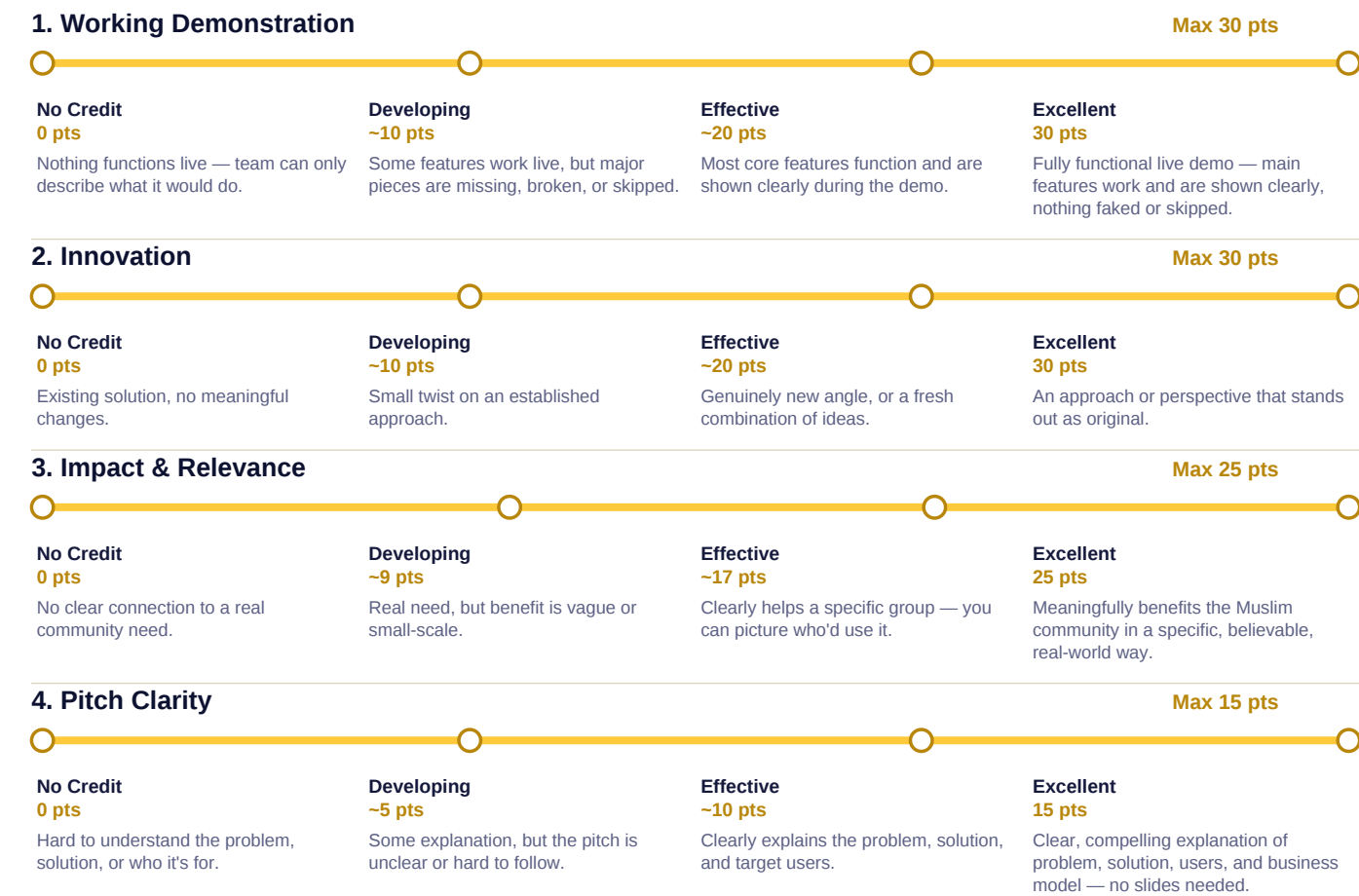


MY-HACK 2026 — Judging Rubric

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Every project is scored out of **100 core points** across the four categories below, plus an optional **+5 AI Use bonus**. Working Demonstration and Innovation carry the most weight — a real, functioning demo and a genuinely original idea matter more here than a polished slide deck. Scores are a general range within each band, not an exact science. Teams are judged within their division — **High School** or **College** — each awarding its own 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.



Demo tips for teams: jump straight into the product working — problem, solution, target users, and business model can all be explained out loud as you go. Skip login/signup flows during judging; if that's part of the product, show a screenshot or mention it briefly, then demo already logged in.

Optional bonus — AI Use (up to +5, on top of the 100)

Scored on AI in the final product only — not dev tools used while building. No AI is not penalized; a project can still score the full 100 without it.

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No real value added	Adds genuine value	Central to why it works

Prizes — \$2,000 total

Awarded separately per division (High School / College): 1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200 — each division awards all three places.

Project tracks (inspiration only — not scored)

- 1. Community & Trust** — governance, collaboration, safety, privacy, resilience against scams and threats.
- 2. Truth & Responsible Tech** — misinformation, AI literacy, verification, responsible use of technology.
- 3. Service & Stewardship** — connecting people to service opportunities, resource stewardship, sustainability.

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