



PRESIDENT'S CUP 2020



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WHAT IS THE PRESIDENT'S CUP?

Established in 2019, the President's Cup Cybersecurity Competition is a national cyber competition aiming to identify, challenge, and reward the best cybersecurity talent in the federal workforce. Now in the second year, the President's Cup consists of individual and team challenges focusing on areas across the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Cybersecurity Workforce Framework (NICE Framework). Competitors will face an array of challenges that require an extensive skill set to complete.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any federal executive department or agency employee can participate, including uniformed service members. Participants can compete as an individual, on a team of up to five members, or both. All team members must belong to the same department or agency. Register today at cisa.gov/presidentscup.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

Registration for President's Cup 2020 opens on Monday, July 27th and closes on Friday, August 28th. This registration window is open to individuals and teams. To register for President's Cup 2020, visit cisa.gov/presidentscup.

COMPETITION FORMAT

The competition will have three rounds – two qualifying rounds and a final championship round. The qualifying rounds will be held online from remote locations. The final round will be held at the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) facility in Arlington, Virginia.

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ROUNDS

QUALIFICATION 1

QUALIFICATION 2

FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP

COMPETITION FORMAT - CONTINUED



TEAMS COMPETITION

The 2020 President's Cup Team Competition will consist of tasks drawn from the following eight in-demand NICE Framework work roles:

- [Cyber Defense Incident Responder](#)
- [Cyber Defense Forensics Analyst](#)
- [Cyber Defense Infrastructure Support Specialist](#)
- [Cyber Defense Analyst](#)
- [Exploitation Analyst](#)
- [Vulnerability Assessment Analyst](#)
- [Software Developer](#)
- [Network Operations Specialist](#)



INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

This year, there are two tracks available within the Individuals competition. Individuals can choose to participate in one or both tracks based on their interest.

Track A - NICE Work Roles

PRIMARY:	Cyber Defense Incident Responder
	Cyber Defense Forensics Analyst
SECONDARY:	Cyber Defense Infrastructure Support Specialist
	Cyber Defense Analyst

Track B - NICE Work Roles

PRIMARY:	Exploitation Analyst
	Vulnerability Assessment Analyst
SECONDARY:	Software Developer
	Threat/Warning Analyst

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

Competitors will face a range of NICE Framework-focused challenges requiring hands-on skills across cybersecurity disciplines. Qualifying rounds will be held online, allowing participation from anywhere. The first qualifying round is open to all participants, those who succeed will be invited to compete in the second qualifying round. The top five teams and ten individuals will compete in the final Championship Round.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

The final round will be held at the CISA facility in Arlington, Virginia. The final round will be very different from the qualifying rounds, for both teams and individuals. We encourage competitors to come ready to work across a wide range of skillsets and for teams to be prepared to use teamwork and collaboration skills to win.

2020/2021

COMPETITION TIMELINE



TEAMS COMPETITION



INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

REGISTRATION	July 27 - August 14	July 27 - August 28
QUALIFICATION ROUND 1	August 10 - 19	August 24 - September 2 (Both Tracks)
QUALIFICATION ROUND 2	September 8 - 15	September 21 - 28 (Both Tracks)
FINALS	February 24 - 25	February 22 (Track A) February 23 (Track B)

CONTACT

To ask a question, report a problem, or provide other feedback on the President's Cup Cybersecurity Competition, contact us at: prescup-support@sei.cmu.edu or call (412) 268-3054.

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