# Contest Format

*New Competition Styles*

* You will be competing in in virtual competition rooms of no more than 14 people.
* In some rooms competition will be similar to a First2Finish contest and in others it will be more like a traditional MM competition.
* After the registration phase ends, you will receive a link to your room, as well as an accurate description of the competition rules by email.
* **It is important that you check your email account regularly (at least daily) and ensure that spam filters do not block communication related to this competition.**

*Prizes*

* A total of $50,000 in prizes will be distributed in the following manner.
  + $35,000 will go to competitors  in the form of room prizes to the winners in virtual competition rooms.
  + Additional $15,000 will be distributed in the form of grand prizes to the best performers across rooms.
  + The exact prizes for each room will be sent by email after registration.

*This competition is for rated members only.*

* Only members who registered for at least one prior Top Coder competition (either MM or ALGO) are eligible to participate.
* Registration is limited to 350 Top Coder members.

*Contributing to Research on Top Coder*

* Participating in this contest also involves participating in a research project.
  + Your participation is voluntary.
  + If you choose to participate, you will need to complete two surveys: a registration survey and a final survey.
  + You may discontinue your participation at any time.

*Use of Git*

* As part of this contest, we would like for you to use Git (<http://git-scm.com/downloads>) and to make daily code commits as you develop your solution to the contest. This will allow us to track analytics around code commits when the competition is over.

*Data management & privacy*

* The data collected, including survey responses, analysis of code submissions, and communications on the public forum of the challenge, will be used for research purposes.
* The substance of your survey responses will not affect your eligibility for winning a prize in this or future contests.
* Only the immediate project team at TopCoder and researchers at Harvard University will see your individual data. Data will only be shared in an anonymous form in which individuals cannot be identified.

*Ask a question/report a problem*

* If you have any questions about the use of your information, please contact: [CONTACT PERSON]. Harvard University has a Standing Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research (CUHS) to which complaints or problems concerning any research project may, and should, be reported if they arise.

[CLICK HERE TO AGREE & TO REGISTER]