

National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) Community Coordinating Council Community of Interest Charter: **Competitions**

1. Purpose

This Community of Interest is a forum for anyone who is interested in sharing and learning how to empower a public and private competition ecosystem by promoting a wide spectrum of competitions and effective practices for players, teams, schools, coaches, sponsors, organizers, and others that advances cybersecurity knowledge, skills, and competencies to grow and sustain a diverse national talent pool.

2. Goals and Objectives

This Community of Interest serves as a forum to provide a mechanism in which public and private sector participants can:

- *exchange ideas and resources* among interested stakeholders to promote cybersecurity competitions and effective practices that advance cybersecurity knowledge, skills, and competencies to grow and sustain a highly qualified national cybersecurity talent pool
- *generate discussion around accessibility* of cybersecurity competitions, including topics such as remote vs. in-person, proficiency levels, awareness, cost, IT accessibility/508, etc
- *foster activities that advance the diversification* of cybersecurity competitions that encourage new and different populations to consider a career in cybersecurity
- converse on educational aspects of current, emerging, and at times novel cybersecurity competition paradigms, frameworks, and standards to provide input to coordinate, revise, and *advance competition diversity* (e.g., tabletop-style vs. technical vs. Jeopardy-style, team vs. individual, technical vs. non-technical, vs. policy, etc.)
- develop concepts, design strategies, and pursue actions that *promote cyber competitions* as an excellent “*stage*” for competitors to learn new and exhibit existing proficiencies and skills, reiterate to employers how cybersecurity competitions serve as a great *opportunity for recruitment*, and advance the public image of cybersecurity competitions highlighting the *relevance and real-world experience*

3. Organization and Operation

The following sections describe the Community of Interest structure, membership functions, meeting times and locations, and new member acceptance.

3.1 Structure

Communities of Interest are constituent or topical groups that are designated, reviewed, and renewed annually by the NICE Community Leadership Team.

Communities of Interest are intended to be open forums to discuss topics and share resources. Communities of Interest may choose to meet regularly or simply collaborate via collaboration tools provided by the NICE Program Office.

Communities of Interest do not have a defined lifecycle but will operate as long as there is a need and interest for the group.

3.2 Membership Functions

3.2.1 Community of Interest Co-Chairs

The NICE Competitions Community of Interest co-chairs will serve two-year terms with a possibility of renewal for an additional two years. Terms will be staggered with other co-chairs. A NICE Staff Liaison is assigned to support the Community of Interest.

Community of Interest Co-Chairs have the following responsibilities:

- a. Complete requested tasks towards the development of the NICE Community and NICE Community deliverables
- b. Attend and actively participate in meetings of the NICE Community
- c. Provide input on meeting agendas and minutes
- d. Preside over Community of Interest meetings
- e. Engage in discussion with members in the Community of Interest listserv
- f. Provide updates on the Community of Interest during NICE Community Coordinating Council meetings
- g. Provide input into the NICE Community Coordinating Council meeting standing items. In consultation with the NICE Community Co-Chairs, review, deliberate on, and revise or adopt any recommendations of Communities of Interest prior to forwarding or presenting to the full NICE Community membership.
- h. Abide by the [mailing list etiquette](#)

3.2.2 Community of Interest Members

Community of Interest members have the following responsibilities:

- a. Complete requested tasks towards the goals of the Communities of Interest
- b. Attend and actively participate in group meetings as necessary
- c. Contribute input to group project(s)
- d. Serve as Subject Matter Experts to the group co-chairs
- e. Abide by the [mailing list etiquette](#)

3.3 Meeting Times and Locations

This group meets remotely on the third Thursday of every month at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Meeting details will be provided in advance of the meeting date.

Blue Jeans will be used for virtual meetings. If you are new to Blue Jeans, [here](#) are some support training videos. You can test your video connection [here](#).

3.4 New Member Acceptance Process

To join this Community of Interest, email nicecompetitions+subscribe@list.nist.gov. Members of this Community of Interest are part of the broader NICE Community Coordinating Council and will be added to it automatically.

3.4 NICE Competitions Draft Meeting Agenda

NICE Competitions Community of Interest Meeting Agenda

Date: Time:

BlueJeans Meeting Link | Dial: XXXX | Meeting ID: XXXX

[Shared Folder](#) | [Website](#) | NICEcompetitions@list.nist.gov | [NICE Strategic Plan](#)

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- I. **Introductions & Opening Statements**
- II. **Roll Call & Ground Rules**
- III. **Review of Recently Completed Projects/Status Update**
- IV. **New Business**
- V. **Upcoming Events & General Announcements**
 - NICE Webinar Series: Third Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. ET
 - Federal Cybersecurity Workforce Summit: <insert date and time>
 - Federal Information Security Educators (FISSEA) Conference: <insert date and time>
 - Cybersecurity Career Awareness Week: 3rd week in October
 - NICE 2021 Conference & Expo: <insert date and time>
 - NICE K12 Cybersecurity Education Conference: <insert date and time>
 - OPEN FLOOR
- VI. **Action Item Review**
- VII. **Next Meeting Reminders**
 - NICE Community Coordinating Council: <insert date and time>
 - NICE Working Group Meetings <insert date and time>
 - **NICE Competitions Community of Interest:** <insert date and time>
- VIII. **Closing**