

CYBERPATRIOT COACHES' AGREEMENT

Volunteer Coaches are vital to the success of CyberPatriot. Without Coaches' voluntary partnership, CyberPatriot will never be able to expand to the tens of thousands of schools and students who are eager to participate – and our nation needs. The CyberPatriot Coach serves in two roles. The Coach (with additional assistance at her/his sole discretion) guides the team through preparation for the competition. As importantly, the Coach is a critical member of the CyberPatriot management team who ensures:

1. Access to minor Competitors in a way that protects them and respects parental prerogatives; and
2. The integrity of the competition during online and in-person competition.

As a CyberPatriot Coach, I agree to uphold the highest standards of integrity, sportsmanship, honesty, and good citizenship. I will encourage my team to compete fairly, honestly, and with a constructive attitude that celebrates our successes as well as those of other teams.

ACCESS TO COMPETITORS

1. Coordinate, arrange, and approve involvement with the team by any "Mentor(s)" [technical advisor(s)] or Team Assistants at the Coach's sole discretion, whether in-person or online and whether obtained from the CyberPatriot Mentor Databank or any other source.
2. Abide by the CyberPatriot Standards of Conduct attached to this document.
3. Act as the team's single point of contact for the CyberPatriot Program Office.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

1. Deliver basic network security training to all assigned Competitors as may be reasonably accommodated at the Coach's sole discretion. Resources for accomplishing this training may be found on the CyberPatriot website at www.uscyberpatriot.org.
2. Encourage Competitors to devote some time each week to self-study/preparation for the competition.

NOTE: This guidance may seem too flexible, but it is intended to spark creativity. Encouraging Competitors to take a central role in team preparation (with adult guidance and involvement) enhances both team cohesion and performance.

COMPETITION MANAGEMENT

1. Select and designate primary and alternate Competitors for each competition period. The Competitors for any single competition period must be assigned from Competitors registered in the CyberPatriot Competitor Relationship Management (CRM) System.
2. Uphold the integrity of the competition by ensuring that no more than five Competitors at a time in any particular round of the competition and those Competitors do not receive assistance from any external source.
3. Ensure that all rules of the competition as described in the CyberPatriot Rules Book and competition emails are strictly followed.

COMPETITION LOGISTICS

1. Coordinate and support all elements of the preparatory training and online competition rounds, including arranging a competition location and obtaining necessary computer equipment for training/Qualification Rounds of the competition.
2. Provide feedback to the CyberPatriot management team and coordinate feedback from Competitors designed to improve the entire program.
3. Agree to coordinate logistics for the trip with the CyberPatriot Program Office (all expenses except entertainment and personal expenditures will be funded), should the team advance to The National Finals Competition.
4. Agree to accompany the team and be responsible for supervision and guardianship during the travel and onsite at The National Finals Competition.

I have read, understand, and agree to discharge the responsibilities described in the CyberPatriot Coaches' Agreement to the best of my abilities.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

CYBERPATRIOT STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Working with young people can be among the most gratifying and impactful endeavors an adult can undertake, but there are also special responsibilities that must be discharged to prevent harm to the minor. As a CyberPatriot Coach, Mentor, or Team Assistant, I promise to strictly follow the rules and guidelines in this CyberPatriot Standards of Conduct as a condition of my providing services to the youth participating in CyberPatriot.

As a CyberPatriot Coach, Mentor, or Team Assistant, I will:

- Treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, dignity, and consideration;
- Emphasize ethical use of the internet and information technology skills and knowledge;
- Insofar as practical, avoid situations where I am alone with an individual minor;
- Use positive reinforcement rather than criticism when working with Competitors;
- Refrain from giving expensive gifts to minors without prior written approval from the parents or guardian of the individual;
- Report suspected abuse of any kind to law enforcement, school authorities and the local Child Protection Services agency as required by law; and
- Cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of minors.

As a CyberPatriot Coach, Mentor, or Team Assistant, I will NOT:

- Smoke or use tobacco products in the presence of minors;
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of alcohol at any time while working with the team;
- Use, possess, or be under the influence of illegal drugs at any time;
- Pose any health risk to others (e.g., no contact with the team when in a contagious condition);
- Strike, spank, shake, or slap any youth participating in CyberPatriot;
- Humiliate, ridicule, threaten, or degrade any youth participating in CyberPatriot;
- Touch a youth in a sexual or other inappropriate manner;
- Use discipline that frightens or humiliates any youth participating in CyberPatriot; and
- Use profanity in the presence of any youth participating in CyberPatriot.

I understand that any action inconsistent with these Standards of Conduct, or failure to take action mandated by this Standards of Conduct, may result in my removal and prohibition from any future participation in CyberPatriot.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____