

2020-2021 eCYBERMISSION COMPETITION

YOU ASKED AND WE LISTENED...

We understand the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted the education system and continues to present significant challenges for many of our Team Advisors and student participants. eCYBERMISSION wants to help ease some of those challenges and remove a few of the barriers students and Team Advisors are encountering while participating in eCYBERMISSION this year due to virtual learning challenges and social distancing requirements.

We are pleased to announce two accommodations to our rules for this year only in light of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- Team Make Up: a complete team can now include two, three or four students
- Mixed Grade Teams: Students from different grades [6-9] may form a team. However, the students will compete at the highest grade level. For example, two 6th graders and an 8th grader may form a team, but will compete at the 8th grade level.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Mission Control with any questions or concerns you may have regarding these changes. We are here to help!

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Visit www.ecybermission.com/register and join #ecyber21.
Call Mission Control at 1-866-GO-CYBER (462-9237) or email missioncontrol@ecybermission.com for more information.





CHANGES THIS COMPETITION YEAR

Text Communications

This year we are asking Team Advisors and volunteers to provide their cell phone numbers as we plan to use text communication during the competition. If you would prefer not to receive texts from eCYBERMISSION you can opt-out when you receive the first text (or you may have done so already during registration). If you opted-out by mistake and would like to receive texts, please contact Mission Control and let us know or simply log back in and change your response in the "My Info" section!

Mission Folder Collaboration

To help your teams better collaborate remotely we have added Google documents for them to use as templates when working remotely together. They can be found on the Mission Folder page. Please be sure they use the correct version (scientific inquiry or engineering design) and that they know the document is just for working on the answers to the questions and they will NEED to copy and paste into the Mission Folder in order to actually submit.

Safety Precautions & Requirements

- Risk Assessment Form – Required by ALL teams! Must be completed and attached to the Mission Folder to compete!
- IRB Review and Approval Requirements
- Hazardous Chemicals, Activities & Devices specifications
- Potential Harmful Biological Agents specifications
- Team Checklist (now part of the Mission Folder)
- TA Checklist (now part of the Mission Folder)





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New Year New Program

eCYBERMISSION is pleased to announce the introduction of the mentoring software platform, Chronus, for students and CyberGuides. We heard your feedback and have replaced Team Talk and the Discussion Boards with this more user friendly platform to facilitate CyberGuide and student interactions. Chronus can be downloaded as an app and used anywhere, and it matches students and CyberGuides based on their experience and interest. Try it out September 28th!

A Volunteer Role For Everyone

If you are a Virtual Judge interested in mentoring one of our student teams, sign up as a CyberGuide today. CyberGuides looking to understand more about the judging process to better support their students may also sign up as a Virtual Judge.

Visit our [website](#) to sign up today.

Going Paperless

This year we have decided to go paperless! Note that all forms can now be signed electronically, so no need to print and scan if you don't have access to a machine.



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