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| 2025 HackTheon SejongInternational Collegiate Cybersecurity Competition Operating Regulations |

**1. Eligibility and Team Composition**

 **A. Eligibility**

 (1) Open to all undergraduate students worldwide, whether currently enrolled or on leave from domestic or international universities as of the competition date.

 ※ Excludes graduate students / Participants from teams disqualified for misconduct in previous competitions are restricted from participating in this competition.

 (2) Any unclear eligibility issues will be determined by the steering committee.

 **B. Required Documents: Application form, enrollment certificate, participation pledge, personal information consent form.**

 ※ In cases where an enrollment certificate is difficult to obtain, a recommendation letter (confirmation) from a faculty advisor may be substituted.

 **C. Team Composition**

 (1) Applicants wishing to participate in the competition may do so by forming a team.

 (2) Each participating team is limited to a maximum of 4 members.

 (3) The same individual cannot participate in multiple teams, nor can the same team (or individual) participate in multiple categories (Beginner A, Beginner B, Advanced).

 (4) Team names must be 15 characters or less and should be representative of the team’s characteristics. However, team names that are socially inappropriate may be restricted.

 (5) Once the application is complete, teams may not change their composition until the end of the finals. However, changes to team members and resubmission of the application form are permitted before the preliminary round application deadline.

 **D. Participation Category**

 (1) The competition will be conducted in Beginner and Advanced categories.

 (2) Participants (teams) may choose to participate in the Beginner or Advanced category depending on their skill level. However, Beginner A is only for Korean nationals, and Beginner B is only for non-Korean nationals. Multinational teams including Korean nationals can select Beginner A or Beginner B.

 (3) Individuals with award records (regardless of award level) in the ‘HackTheon Sejong’ competition cannot apply for or be a member of a team applying for the Beginner category.

 (4) Based on the results of the online preliminary round, 40 teams will advance to the finals, determined as follows:

 - Advanced: Top 20 teams from the preliminary round

 - Beginner: Top 10 Beginner A teams, Top 10 Beginner B teams

**2. Scoring and Tie-Breaking**

 A. Scores are awarded based on the problem-specific allocation of points (base score + bonus points) upon submission of answers.

 B. Base scores are initially set according to difficulty, and additional points are determined based on the correct answer rate.

 C. In the event of a tie, priority will be determined by the fastest final flag submission time.

**3. Misconduct, Restrictions, Etc.**

 A. If the applicant and the actual participant are different, immediate disqualification will occur.

 **※ If proxy participation is discovered after the competition, awards may be revoked, prize money returned, and legal action taken.**

 B. Any actions performed on the competition server without proper authentication may be invalidated.

 C. If a key value is authenticated through inappropriate sharing with individuals other than team members, both the team and the team members involved will be disqualified, regardless of the competition results.

 D. In cases of suspected misconduct, the organizers may request an explanation of the problem-solving process from the individuals involved. Failure to comply or provide a satisfactory explanation will result in disqualification.

 E. Online sharing of flags or problem-solving methods during the competition is prohibited.

 F. In the event of disqualification due to misconduct, participation in this competition will be prohibited for the next three years, and the affiliation, team name, and ID may be disclosed. The relevant university may also be notified.

 G. All attacks on the competition operating server are prohibited, and actions that disrupt the operation of the problem servers (Web/Shell) beyond what is necessary for problem-solving are prohibited.

 **※ Detection of attack behavior may result in disqualification at the discretion of the competition organizers.**

 H. Any actions that disrupt the competition of others within the competition venue, such as loud noises, moving from designated seats, disturbances, or commotions, are prohibited.

 I. Award-winning teams are obligated to attend the award ceremony, except in unavoidable circumstances. Failure to attend may result in award revocation, future competition participation restrictions, and other disadvantages.

 J. Participants who do not attend the final competition will be excluded from award consideration, even if their team wins.

**4. Confidentiality**

 A. Participants must not disclose or distribute any information (related to security) obtained during this competition to others.

 B. Leaking, distributing, or misusing secrets learned during the competition may result in civil and criminal liability.

**5. Miscellaneous**

 A. These regulations may be amended as necessary, and the amended regulations will be the final regulations.

 B. The rights to the answers (Write-Ups) written by the competition participants are jointly owned by Sejong Special Self-Governing City, and Sejong Special Self-Governing City may use them for the development and promotion of the competition.

 C. Matters not specified in these regulations or interpretations of the regulations will be decided by the steering committee.