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SUBJ: CPTC 2021 Pandemic Rules Addendum

Due to the many changes required in our competition due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, we are implementing the following temporary changes to our rules during the 2021-2022 competition. To better support our fully remote regional competitions this year:

- Within the section “Permitted Materials”, we will now allow for the use of one (1) personal computing device per competitor without restrictions with respect to form-factor (laptop or desktop) or peripherals (monitors, external keyboards, etc.) to connect to Virtual Desktop Interface (VDI) systems within the competition environment. Competitors will be asked to provide an IP address where their traffic will be sourced from, each address will be limited to a single connection to a Windows host.” Competitors will be responsible for ensuring that their connection location allows for Windows RDP access (TCP/3389) to Internet resources using a client of their choice.
- Cracking of passwords outside of the competition environment remains strictly forbidden. Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) hosts may be used for password cracking purposes. The passwords used within the environment have been designed with this in mind.
- Given the remote nature of this event, the limitations in Competition Conduct regarding the use of cell phones are suspended to allow for contact between Competition Officials and Engagement Teams.
- Unless approved and sanctioned by the competitor’s university, regional competitions are intended to be completely remote. To be clear: there is no expectation of in-person participation and there will be no advantage or disadvantage associated with the location of participation during these events. Competitors may compete 100% remotely and should NOT meet in person unless such activity is fully sanctioned by their institute. Finals may be conducted in person upon the direction of Competition Officials.
- The Operations Team will provide teams with a platform to enable remote collaboration between competitors and both in- and out-of-character communications with members of the CPTC team, as necessary for the scenario this year.
- Within “Competitor Eligibility” under “Team and Competitor Requirements”, competitors must have been fully matriculated within the institution that they are competing for a total of six of the last twelve months and have not graduated, unless they have enrolled as a graduate student. Competitors may also be an incoming Freshman provided they are a current full time student as defined by their institution.

We look forward to a competition that is fair, safe, and fun--a worthy challenge that demands the best from all competitors, advisors, and volunteers. We are committed to making this the best CPTC yet and look forward to educating, developing, and accommodating the gladiators in this esteemed competition.