

AFA'S CYBERPATRIOT PROGRAM OVERVIEW FOR SCHOOLS AND COACHES

School coaches need to register to have a team by **October 9th**! Student team member names can be added as late as **November 6th**... So you **STILL** have time to create a team!

At least give it a try! **Info you can use....**

1- The middle and high school program involves a scheduled cyber defense training and competition program conducted from October through March, called **CyberPatriot**. (The elementary program involves mini lessons on cyber safety and cyber bullying that can be ordered and implemented at no cost when and how desired with youth.) The entire program is called the **Air Force Association's National Youth Cyber Education Program**.

2- There are three parallel divisions (do not compete against each other, so can train together) for the Middle and High School program, **CyberPatriot**:

a. **Open Division**- for any public, private, parochial, charter, virtual, or home school and formal or informal youth organization

b. **All Service Division**- for all Services JROTC (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines), Civil Air Patrol ,and Navy Sea Cadets

c. **Middle School Division**- can have teams created from all Open Division team options, above, as well as Navy Sea Cadets and Civil Air Patrol in the All Service Division

3- Each team is comprised of a coach (required- approved at the school/organization level); Team Assistant(s) (if available- non-technical supporters); mentor-(s) (if available- technical advisors); and 2-6 students (required- 2-5 students compete; 1 student can be added as a substitute).

4- Each coach can create up to five teams. Each school or organization can create as many teams as there are coaches and students to participate. Each student can only be on one team.

5- The cost for each team, payment due 6 November, is noted below:

a. All Service High School teams- no cost (cost absorbed by Service organization)

b. Open Division High School teams- \$195 each --- unless waived due to the following criteria:

(1) All-female team

(2) Title I school or an inadequately-funded school or organization- with documentation

(3) A second Open Division Middle or High School team in the same school

(4) A Middle School team in the same school system as a system-sponsored High School team

(5) An Open Division Middle or High School team in the same school with an All Service Team

c. Middle School teams- \$155 each (unless waived as noted above)

6- Team (Coach) registration closes 9 October. Team participant (student) name registration closes 6 November. Practice Competition is Oct 13-27. Round 1 Competition is Nov 13-15. Round 2 is Dec 4-6. State Round is Jan 29-31. Regional/Category Round is Feb 19-21. Natl Final Practice Round is March 8-18. Final (National) Competition is April 10-14 in Baltimore, MD.- All expenses paid for these teams....

7- Each coach and team should try to meet once a week or twice a month for training sessions and be prepared to compete during each round of the competition as noted on the [Competition Timeline](#).

8- *The CyberPatriot competition teaches Internet ethics and safety and defensive activity only. It is not a hacking competition nor does it teach or tolerate hacking or any activity related to the unauthorized entry, use, or modification of a computer, system, or network by a person, persons, or tools.*

9- All details are found in the [CyberPatriot Guidebook](#). www.uscyberpatriot.org

Please consider registering a team at YOUR school or organization by October 9!

Questions? Need a mentor? Need an air card? Help? Info@uscyberpatriot.org