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The 2020-21 school year is an interesting one for many of the schools and organizations that participate in CyberPatriot. Organizations are making a number of pandemic adjustments that may complicate student participation in CyberPatriot.

Safety and integrity are our primary concerns for the competition. During the upcoming CyberPatriot XIII competition, teams will be expected to follow their local, state, and federal guidelines concerning COVID-19.

We understand Coaches may face difficulties keeping their team members safe while they are competing. We are working closely with them to ensure that teams compete in a safe environment while ensuring a good and fair competition experience. To give teams flexibility this season, they may compete in the following locations.

During the same competition period teams may compete:

- In-person as a group
- Distributed with team members at home or other facilities
- As a hybrid of in-person or distributed at homes or other facilities

Additionally, we have extended the registration period by two weeks to October 15th and reduced the number of online rounds from four to three. We are also allowing competitors to download competition images at home for the CyberPatriot XIII season. We also heard from some teams whose schools had suspended all extracurricular activities for the 2020-21 school year. To still allow these teams to compete we are allowing them to register as unaffiliated for the CyberPatriot XIII season.

We will continue to monitor the situation, solicit feedback from our teams, and make reasonable adjustments to allow teams to compete during the competition season while still maintaining a fair and world class competition.

*~AFA CyberPatriot Team
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