

## **CANHACK COMPETITION RULES**

Ryerson University (the “Competition Sponsor”), through The DMZ, is launching the CanHack Competition (the “Competition”). The Competition is aimed at educating high school students on a wide array of cybersecurity skills using an established online computer hacking competition game developed and operated by Carnegie Mellon University (“CMU”) known as “picoCTF”.

### **1. ENTRY PERIOD**

The entry period for the Competition begins on Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 at 12:00 pm EST and ends on Tuesday, March 29th, 2022 at 12:00 pm EST (the “Competition Entry Period”). To be eligible, a Competition Entry (as defined herein) must be submitted during the Competition Entry Period.

### **2. ELIGIBILITY**

The Competition is open to individuals (or groups of individuals) who meet the following criteria:

- (i) is a legal resident of Canada (except if resident in Quebec);
- (ii) is between the ages of 14 to 18;
- (iii) has an adult coach or teacher (the “Supervisor”) who is willing to supervise the Entrant (as defined below) under the direction of a Canadian high school or community organization (the “Organization”) ; and
- (iv) if the individual is under the age of majority in their province or territory of residence, the Supervisor and the Organization have obtained the appropriate parental/legal guardian consents for the individual’s participation in the Competition.

Entries may be submitted by an individual or a group of individuals working together as a team. All members of a team must individually meet the eligibility criteria to have a valid Entry. There is a maximum of five (5) individuals per team.

### **3. HOW TO ENTER AND TEAM FORMATION**

**No purchase is necessary.** Individuals may enter the Competition by completing the following steps:

- i) The Supervisor of the individual or the team (each individual or team referred to as an “Entrant”),
  - a. at any time during the Competition Entry Period, register the Entrant with the Competition Sponsor at: <https://dmz.ryerson.ca/canhack>;
  - b. at any time between Wednesday, September 18, 2021, at 12:00 pm EST and March 13, 2022, at 12:00 pm EST, register the Entrant(s) at: [www.picoctf.com](http://www.picoctf.com); and
  - c. notify the Competition Sponsor with the registration name/identifying information as used on the picoCTF site within twenty-four (24) hours of registering on the picoCTF site.

In order to successfully enter the Competition, the Supervisor must register the Entrant in both registration portals listed above (once submitted to both, the “Entry”). The Supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the registration name/identifying information provided to the Competition Sponsor is consistent with the information provided on the picoCTF site so that the Competition Sponsor can confirm that the Entrant is participating in the CMU competition. Entrant and Supervisor acknowledge that Competition Sponsor will share limited registration information with the CMU picoCTF team. Entrant and the Supervisor agree that the Competition Sponsor is not liable for any information (including personal information) requested by or provided to CMU in connection with the registration and/or use of picoCTF by the Entrant. Entrant and Supervisor further agree that picoCTF is not under the control of the Competition Sponsor.

#### **4. COMPETITION ENTRY CONDITIONS**

There is a limit of one (1) Entry per Entrant (i.e. only one (1) submission is required for all members of a team) during the Competition Entry Period. If it is discovered that more than one (1) Entry was submitted by an Entrant, e.g. (i) multiple Entries submitted by an individual or team Entrant; and/or (ii) separate Entries submitted by multiple Entrants, then (in the sole and absolute discretion of the Competition Sponsor) those Entries may be disqualified from the Competition.

By entering the Competition, the Entrant (and each individual comprising an Entrant) agrees as follows:

- (i) the Entrant will comply with these Competition Rules and with the decisions of the Competition Sponsor, which are irrevocable, final, and are legally binding in all matters related to the Competition;
- (ii) the Entrant will participate in picoCTF during the Competition period from Tuesday, March 15th, 2022, at 12:00 pm EST to Tuesday, March 29th, 2022 at 12:00 pm EST; and
- (iii) the score that is generated for Entrant by CMU for picoCTF (the “picoCTF Score”) is the score that will be used for the purposes of this Competition.

The Supervisor is responsible for ensuring compliance with all picoCTF criteria, registration, and use requirements as set by CMU. The Supervisor and the Organization are solely responsible for obtaining all necessary parental consents for the participation of each of the Entrant team members.

## 5. PRIZES

The following prizes are available to be won during the Competition (the "Prize"):

**First Place Prize** – there is one (1) first-place prize available consisting of (a) a cash prize of two thousand dollars (\$2,000 CDN) payable in the form of a cheque to the first place winner; (b) a cash prize of two thousand dollars (\$2,000 CDN) payable in the form of a cheque to the first place Winners' Organization;

**Second Place Prize** – there is one (1) second place prize available consisting of (a) a cash prize of one thousand dollars (\$1,000 CDN) payable in the form of a cheque to the second place Winner; and (b) a cash prize of two thousand dollars (\$2,000 CDN) payable in the form of a cheque to the second place Winners' Organization.

**Third Place Prize** – there is one (1) third-place prize available consisting of (a) a cash prize of seven hundred dollars (\$700 CDN) payable in the form of a cheque to the third place Winner; and (b) a cash prize of one thousand dollars (\$1,000 CDN) payable in the form of a cheque to the third-place Winners' Organization.

**Top All Female Team** - there is one (1) prize available consisting of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) payable in the form of a cheque to the top all-female team. Teams will qualify for this prize if all members identify as female as indicated in the registration for that particular team.

The Prizes must be accepted as awarded and are not transferable. The Competition Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a Prize that is, in its sole discretion, of equivalent or greater value. Each Entrant cannot win more than one (1) Prize. If a Winner is an Entrant that is comprised of a team of individuals, any cash-portion of the Prize will be paid out on a pro-rata basis to each of the individual team members (subject to parental consent) and their respective Organization that participated on the team during any portion of the Competition (as confirmed by the Supervisor).

**Entrants are advised that a monetary Prize awarded to individual Entrants or Entrant group members is taxable income and any individual who receives a Prize (or portion thereof) will be issued a T4A from the Competition Sponsor evidencing the amount as "Other Income" in accordance with the requirements of the Canada Revenue Agency. Entrants are also advised that in order to make such a payment, they will be required to share personal information with Ryerson University to process the payment.**

Organizations may choose to offer prizes for Entrants separate from the Prizes set out above. All such prizes offered by any Organization to Entrants are separate from this Competition and are subject to the specific contest rules set forth by that Organization.

## 6. WINNER SELECTION PROCESS AND ODDS OF WINNING

Between Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 12:00 pm EST and Tuesday, March 29, 2022, EST, each Entrant will compete in the Competition and CMU will provide each Entrant with a picoCTF Score. Upon completion of the Competition on Tuesday, March 29 2022 at 12:00 pm EST, the picoCTF Score provided by CMU to Competition Sponsor will be used as the final picoCTF Score

for purposes of this Competition (the “Competition Score”). The Entrants with the top three (3) Competition Scores will be selected as an eligible winner of first place, second place, and third place Prizes. The odds of winning will depend on the total number of entries received, the ability of each Entrant, and compliance with these Competition Rules. In the event of a tie between the Competition Scores of two (2) or more Entrants, the Entrant that first received that Competition Score will be deemed to have the higher Competition Score.

The Competition Sponsor will make a maximum of three (3) attempts to contact the Supervisor of each eligible winner by email (using the information provided in the Entry) within five (5) business days of the end of the Competition. If: (i) the Supervisor of the eligible winner cannot be contacted within five (5) business days of the end of the Competition, (ii) there is a return of any notification as undeliverable; or (iii) the eligible winner fails to meet all applicable eligibility requirements and conditions, then the applicable Entrant will be disqualified and will forfeit all rights to be a Winner, and the Competition Sponsor reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to select an alternate Entrant based on the next highest Competition Score in accordance with these Competition Rules (in which case this section will apply to such alternate eligible winner).

## **7. DECLARATION OF WINNERS**

Before an eligible winner of a Prize is declared a winner (after declaration, each referred to as a “Winner”), the Entrant (including each of the individuals or the parent/guardian of each of the individuals who make up the Entrant) must sign and return, a declaration of compliance and release of liability prepared by the Competition Sponsor which, among other things requires individuals comprising an Entrant to: (i) confirm compliance with these Competition Rules; (ii) agree to release the Competition Sponsor from any and all claims, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses arising from any liability in connection with this Competition, the Entrant’s participation therein and/or the awarding and use/misuse of the Prize or any portion thereof; (iii) agree to the publication, reproduction and/or other use of the Entrant’s (individual or team members) name, address (province and city), statements about the Competition and/or photographs or other likeness without further notice or compensation, in any publicity or advertisement carried out by or on behalf of the Competition Sponsor in any manner whatsoever, including print, broadcast or the internet; and (iv) acknowledge acceptance of the Prize (if awarded). If the Entrant (including any individual comprising the Entrant): (a) fails to return the properly executed declaration of compliance and release of liability within the specified time; and/or (b) cannot be a declared a Winner in accordance with these Competition Rules for any reason; then the applicable Entrant will be disqualified (and will forfeit all rights to be a Winner) and the Competition Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to select the Entrant who received the next highest Competition Score of the Competition to be an eligible winner (in which case the foregoing provisions of this section shall apply to such new eligible Prize winner).

## **8. RIGHT TO SUSPEND/MODIFY/TERMINATE**

If for any reason the Competition is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures, or any other causes which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper

conduct of the Competition or picoCTF, the Competition Sponsor reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify the Competition, or any part of it, and disqualify any individual or entity who is responsible for such action. If terminated, the Competition Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, determine the winners from among all eligible Entries received up to the time of such action using the procedures outlined herein.

#### **9. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE:**

No liability or responsibility is assumed by the Competition Sponsor resulting from the Entrant's (or any individual comprising the Entrant's) participation in or attempt to participate in the Competition or ability or inability to upload or download any information in connection with the Competition or the picoCTF. No responsibility or liability is assumed by the Competition Sponsor for technical problems or technical malfunction arising in connection with any of the following occurrences which may affect the operation of the Competition or the operation of picoCTF: hardware or software errors; faulty computer, cable, satellite, network, electronic, Internet connectivity or other online or network communication problems; errors or limitations of any Internet service providers, servers, hosts or other providers; garbled, jumbled or faulty data transmissions; failure of any online transmissions to be sent or received; lost, late, delayed or intercepted transmissions; inaccessibility of the Competition Sponsor website or picoCTF website in whole or in part for any reason; traffic congestion on the Internet or the Competition website or picoCTF; unauthorized human or non-human intervention of the operation of the Competition or picoCTF, including without limitation, unauthorized tampering, hacking, theft, virus, bugs, or worms; or destruction of any aspect of the Competition or picoCTF Scores, or loss, miscount, misdirection, inaccessibility or unavailability of an email account used in connection with the Competition. The Competition Sponsor is not responsible for any printing, typographical, technical, computer, network or human error which may occur in the administration of the Competition, the uploading, the processing of Entries, the announcement of the Prizes or in any Competition-related materials. Use of the picoCTF Game website or the Competition Sponsor website is at Entrant's (including each individual user's) own risk. The Competition Sponsor is not responsible for any personal injury or property damage or losses of any kind which may be sustained to user's or any other person's computer or video equipment resulting from participation in the Competition.

By participating in the Competition, the Entrant (and each individual comprising an Entrant) agrees: (i) to release the Competition Sponsor from any and all claims, damages or liabilities arising from or relating to such Entrant's participation in the Competition; (ii) under no circumstances will the Entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and the Entrant hereby waives all rights to claim, punitive, incidental, consequential, or any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses; (iii) all causes of action arising out of or connected with this Competition, or any Prize awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action; and (iv) any and all claims, judgments, and the award shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, excluding legal fees and court costs.

By accepting any Prize, Winner (individuals and team members) agree that the Competition Sponsor will have no liability whatsoever for, and shall be held harmless by Winner against, any liability for injuries, losses or damages of any kind to persons or property resulting in whole or in

part, directly or indirectly, from participation in the Competition or from the acceptance, possession, misuse or use of any Prize. The Competition Sponsor is not liable in the event that any portion of the Competition is cancelled due to weather, fire, strike, acts of war or terrorism, or any other condition beyond their control.

ANY ATTEMPT BY AN INDIVIDUAL, WHETHER OR NOT AN ENTRANT, TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE, DESTROY, TAMPER OR VANDALIZE THE PICOCTF WEBSITE, AND/OR THE COMPETITION SPONSOR WEBSITE, OR INTERFERE WITH THE OPERATION OF THE COMPETITION IS A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS, AND THE COMPETITION SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES AND DILIGENTLY PURSUE ALL REMEDIES AGAINST ANY SUCH INDIVIDUAL TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

#### **10. PRIVACY AND PUBLICITY RELEASE**

The Competition Sponsor and its authorized agents will collect, use, and disclose the personal information provided upon registration and entry into the Competition for the purposes of administering the Competition and Prize fulfillment, in accordance with the Competition Sponsor's privacy policy, available at <http://www.ryerson.ca/privacy> and in compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

#### **11. GENERAL**

The Competition is governed in accordance with the domestic laws of the Province of Ontario and the federal laws of Canada applicable therein.

The Competition Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, and without prior notice, to adjust any of the dates and/or timeframes stipulated in these Competition Rules, to the extent necessary, for purposes of verifying compliance with these Competition Rules or for any other reason.

In the event of any discrepancy or inconsistency between the terms and conditions of these Competition Rules and disclosures or other statements contained in any Competition-related materials, the terms and conditions of these Competition Rules shall prevail, govern and control to the fullest extent permitted by law.