

UPDATE: The ICPC Contests in North America

December 2020 to August 2021

Compete in these ICPC Regionals with no loss of eligibility, with your own workstation, even from home!

All ICPC North America Contests will be Pandemic Friendly

- All regional contests prior to the NAC will be conducted on-line. Teams competing in these on-line contests may compete from separate locations with individual workstations as approved by their coach.
- A one-year extension of regional eligibility will be granted to all students competing in these Regional Contests.
- We plan to offer the NAC as an on-site contest on or after the second week of August 2021. However, teams with pandemic travel restrictions may compete remotely in the NAC at the request of their coach.
- We plan to offer the ICPC World Finals as an on-site contest in March 2022. However, should pandemic travel restrictions require that competition be conducted on-line, students competing in the ICPC World Finals will be granted an additional one-year extension of World Finals eligibility.

The ICPC North America Contests

- **ICPC Practice Contests:** A series of on-line practice contests are scheduled to begin on 12 December 2020 and continue through mid-February 2021. For more details and to register, visit [ICPC Practice Contest Schedule](#)
- **ICPC North America Qualifier (NAQ):** Scheduled for Thursday, 11 Feb 2021, the NAQ will be a 3-hour, on-line event for teams preparing to compete in the ICPC North America Regionals. Team standings are only available to the coaches. UPE will award first to solve awards for several of the problems. Participation contributes in two ways: more experience and counting towards more slots for your Regional Contest! **Participation in the NAQ is not required for participation in the Regionals.**
- **ICPC North America Regionals:** Scheduled from late February through the end of March 2021, the Regionals will advance 150-200 teams to the 2021 ICPC North America Division Championships (NADC). Up to two teams from a university may advance to the NADC. Regionals are scheduled for late-February 2021 through mid-March 2021. **Registration details will be posted in the 12 December 2020 update.**
- **ICPC North America Division Championships (NADC):** Scheduled for the third week of April 2021, tentatively 22 April 2021, the NADC will advance 30-40 teams to the 2021 ICPC North America Championship (NAC). At most one team from a university may advance to the NAC.
- **2021 ICPC North America Championship (NAC):** Scheduled for no earlier than the second week of August 2021, the NAC will advance its top 15 teams to the 2021 ICPC World Finals (scheduled for March 2022).

Conduct of the ICPC North America Division Championships

- **The 2021 ICPC Division Championships: North, West, Central, East, and South**
 - The competitions will be conducted as a single, on-line event with social media coverage.
 - ICPC Regionals will advance 150-200 teams to the NADC with a maximum of *two teams per university*.
 - **Team members may compete individually with their own workstations from wherever their coach permits.** Each team will compete within its **NADC Certified Team Workspace**. These requirements will be posted on the NADC website no later than 1 Feb 2021. The NADC Certified Team Workspace accommodates the team members, their workstations, and official observers within a video-conferencing breakout room. Teams will have the opportunity to certify their Team Workspace in a practice session prior to the NADC.

Contest Participation Fees

- Practice Contests, Division Championships, NAC: None
- North America Regional Contests: **Team fees will be very reasonable, no more than \$20/person.** This fee provides t-shirts and badge holders for a team of three and one coach, with standard shipping to individuals who provide shipping information in the ICPC system by the end of the published “advance registration” deadline. Additional charges may be incurred for express shipping or shipping outside the US or Canada. T-shirts and badges are to be worn during competition. Additional t-shirts may be ordered by the coach. **Register early to get your gear in time for the competition!**

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