

The Coding Competition

Terms and Conditions

2017/2018

1. ENTRY RULES

The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists (WCIT), Northamptonshire County Council (NCC), Code Club and the University of Northampton (UoN) (the 'Organisers') reserve the right to refuse to accept any entry which in their opinion does not comply with these Terms or which contravenes the spirit of the Competition. The Organisers further have absolute discretion to disqualify any entry, or vary, amend, supplement, or waive the Terms of the Competition at any time and Participants agree that no liability shall attach itself to these organisations as a result thereof and that the exercise of such discretion shall not result in any compensation being payable or paid to any Participant. It is a condition of entry that all rules are accepted as final and that the Participant agrees to abide by these Terms. The Competition is subject to change.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Teams consisting of between three to six members of children born between 1 September 2006 and 31 August 2009 are eligible to enter the Competition. There is no limit to the number of teams that can be entered into the Competition; however individuals may only be part of one team. Individuals in multiple teams will have any entries disqualified from the Competition.

3. ENTRIES

Entry into the Competition is free. Registration to participate in the Competition can only be made via the internet through the [Coding Competition webpage](#) by a teacher, adult supervisor or Code Club volunteer, and requires the submission of the applicant's name, address (applicants must be able to demonstrate UK residency) and contact details, the applicant's organisation name (please state "other" if you do not wish to affiliate your entry with a specific organisation), team name, name of each team member participating, and agreement to full Terms and Conditions. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted. Information about how to register is set out on the [Coding Competition page](#). The Organisers reserve the right to refuse to accept any Team Names that have been duplicated or are felt, in the discretion of the Organisers, to be objectionable. According to law, language is rated objectionable if it "describes, depicts, expresses, or otherwise deals with matters such as sex, horror, crime, cruelty, or violence in such a manner that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good". Furthermore, Team Names that are deemed to incite violence or discrimination because of age, disability, race, religion, gender or sexuality will be refused.

All games created will follow the theme of 'Healthy lifestyles'. Entrants will create a game using the coding program Scratch. All versions of the Scratch software will be accepted. Entrants will then produce a YouTube video showcasing how their game works, the coding used and how the app fits in with the marking criteria. The YouTube video will be limited to 2 minutes long. Any video that

exceeds this time limit will have points deducted from the overall total. Reuse/remix of openly licensed code developed by others is acceptable so long as the entry provides attribution regarding any such reuse/remix.

Entries must be submitted via the official [Coding Competition webpage](#). Entries must first be uploaded electronically onto the website YouTube and then the link of the video must be submitted to the Coding Competition website before 4pm on 9 February 2018. On YouTube, the video needs to be categorised as either 'Public' or 'Unlisted', as the judges will be unable to view videos categorised as 'Private'. Guidance on how to upload videos onto YouTube can be found on the following link: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/57407?hl=en-GB>.

All entries uploaded onto YouTube must comply with the YouTube [Community Guidelines](#). Any entries that do not comply with the guidelines will be disqualified. Entries received by 4pm on the closing date, containing all the information requested in the submission form, will be eligible for judging. Entries submitted after 4pm on the closing date will not be judged.

4. COMPETITION JUDGING

The Organisers shall appoint the members of the panel that will judge the competition entries. Judging will be based entirely on the evidence submitted in the submission YouTube video. Judging will be based on the criteria outlined in the 'Criteria, rules and instructions' section of the [Coding Competition webpage](#). All decisions made by the judging panel shall be final and binding.

5. COMPETITION PRIZES

Entries received by 4pm on 9 February 2018 will be judged for the final awards. A celebration event will be held in the community of the winning team in early March 2018, where the winners will be presented with their prizes and an engraved Coding Competition shield. Each member of the winning team will be given a Raspberry Pi Starter Kit to keep. Members of the team finishing in second place will each receive a Raspberry Pi computer. Members of the team finishing in third place will each receive a BBC micro:bit. The Organisers reserve the right to vary, amend or supplement the Prizes at any time and Participants agree that no liability shall attach itself to these organisations as a result thereof and that the exercise of such discretion shall not result in any compensation being payable or paid to any Participant.

The Organisers will contact the prize winners by email and the Prizes will be delivered within a timescale at the mutual agreement of the Organisers and respective prize winners. However, should the Organisers be unable to contact a winning Participant or be unable to confirm their eligibility to a prize then the Organisers may, at their absolute discretion, determine the Participant to be ineligible for the prize concerned and instead select the next placed Participant as a replacement prize winner in the competition. The Organisers cannot be held responsible for incorrect Participant details that may result in Prizes not being received.

In the event of a tie for any of the Prizes, that prize will be awarded at the discretion of the Organisers, in agreement with the prize's Sponsor.

6. PUBLICITY

Participants will be required to ensure that entering teams have parental permission for inclusion in photography at the event and subsequent promotion and publicity of winning entries. The Organisers reserve the right to use the game on social media, websites and in the press. The Organisers may publish the first name, surname initial, age and/or town/city of members of the winning team and their school/organisation/group/Code Club name.

Winners' names, locations, competition entries, photographs and any comments made in relation to a prize may be used by the Organisers or their Sponsors without limitation for future promotional, marketing and publicity purposes, in all and any media worldwide without notice and without any fee being paid.

7. CONFIDENTIALITY & DATA PROTECTION

In submitting this form to the Coding Competition you are giving permission for the Organisers to contact you. They undertake to keep your information securely and not to provide it to anyone else.

8. COMPLAINTS

The Organisers are willing to investigate any complaints to ensure that their high standards are maintained. However, their decision is final and they shall not be obliged to enter into any correspondence regarding the Competition and/or the awarding of the Prizes. In the event that a Participant wishes to complain they should contact the Organisers using the 'Support and Events' section on the Coding Competition webpage.

9. JURISDICTION

These terms and conditions shall be governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the laws of England. The courts of England shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any claim arising out of or in connection with these terms and conditions or the legal relationship established by them.

10. NOTICE

The Organisers shall not be liable for any injury, loss or damage to persons or property arising directly or indirectly from the Competition. All decisions and outcomes of the Competition are made in good faith and shall be considered final and binding.