

North America Championship

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"If you think you are worth what you know, you are very wrong. Your knowledge today does not have much value beyond a couple of years. Your value is what you can learn and how easily you can adapt to the changes this profession brings so often."

— Jose M. Aquilar

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Getting ready for the first ICPC North America Championship

Information about the environment and rules is presented here to help you prepare for the NAC. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to participate in a "next level" event: This event will be run as much like the World Finals as possible. Several links below will take you to information that references the Finals in June. For our purposes, the contents can be read as referring to the NAC in February. NAC rules may – and probably will – differ from local (Regional) rules to which you have become accustomed.

01. What can I bring?

25 Pages • The only resource item you may bring to the contest floor is a (maximum) 25-page Team Reference Document (TRD) that you prepare and print in advance. You may bring three copies. **THE TEAM COACH MUST UPLOAD A COPY OF THE TRD NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 16.** S/he may also bring a digital copy "just in case." Hard copies will be turned in at Registration. They will be reviewed and then placed at workstations for the contest.

No electronics • If that lovely piece of jewelry on your wrist has any function other than telling time, leave it in your room. No phones, cameras, discs, or removeable drives.

Stationery • The contest will provide scratch paper, pens, and pencils. There are only a few things, other than yourself, that you can bring onto the contest floor (e.g., Kleenex or a small token, such as a stuffed anime figure).

See "What Must We Bring" here:

<https://icpc.baylor.edu/worldfinals/on-site-registration>

Contest rules: <https://icpc.baylor.edu/worldfinals/rules>

02. Environment

A description of the competition environment can be found here:

<http://pc2.ecs.baylor.edu/wfImageBuilds/nac2020/environment.html>

Please note that requests for other editors cannot be accommodated.

Note that additional documentation will be added this week.

Instructions for creating a local copy of the environment so you can become familiar with it:

<http://pc2.ecs.baylor.edu/wfImageBuilds/nac2020/ImageBuildInstructions.html>

03. Practice Contests

For 5 weeks preceding the ICPC NA Championship, Kattis will be putting on a series of weekend practice contests:

<https://www.cs.utexas.edu/users/utpc/Kattis.html>

Future newsletters will include:

- Information about transportation in Atlanta
- Deadlines & Schedules
- Announcements



ICPC North America Programming Camp (NAPC)

- <https://www.cecs.ucf.edu/NAPC>
- Sun, 29 Mar - Sat, 4 Apr 2020
- University of Central Florida
- Orlando, FL

COACHES: Upload your team's TRD from your ICPC profile page.

Questions? Email NACManager@icpc.global

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