

2025 IEEE REGION 3 SOUTHEAST CON

I. STUDENT ETHICS COMPETITION RULES

Competition Timeline

Key Dates

January 1st, 2025	Registration for the Ethics Competition opens.
February 22nd, 2025	Registration for the Ethics Competition closes.
March 28th, 2025	Prelims for the ethics competition occurs on site at SoutheastCon. Prelims will be in the afternoon on Friday March 28th.
March 29th, 2025	Finals for the ethics competition occur on site at SoutheastCon. Finals will be in the morning on Saturday March 29th.

Competition Process

Below is a breakdown of the competition process. The remaining section of this document will address the details needed to complete each step:

1. Create your team and register for the competition
 - *Each branch can have 1 team in this competition*
 - *Teams must be 3-4 students*
2. Arrive at SoutheastCon by the start of the competition to compete
 - *Details on the competition timeframe will be posted with the SoutheastCon 2025 agenda.*

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What to expect

Each team must have 3-4 students.

For prelims

- Prelims round will be a written essay.
- One student on each team will serve as a designated grader and be separated from the rest of the team.
- Teams will receive an ethics prompt and have 45 minutes to write a short essay. During this time, graders will attend a brief ethics workshop to prepare for grading.
- After the 45-minute writing period, all essays will be collected and handed to the graders, who will be in a separate room. The essay writers will be dismissed at this time.
- Teams are not allowed internet access when writing the essay and may only use Microsoft Word on their computers. After 45 minutes, teams must upload their essays to a Google Drive folder. Each team and grader must have a separate laptop with Word and internet access.
- Each grader will be assigned three essays to grade. Grading will be blind: graders will not know which team they are evaluating, and no one will grade their own team's essay. Each essay will be graded by three different students, and the average score will determine the team's final score.
- The top 4 teams will advance to the finals. All students must attend the entire prelims competition. The grading role will take at least 1 hour longer than the writing portion.

For finals

- The finals round will consist of a presentation, and only teams that advance to the finals are required to attend.
- Each team's grader will rejoin their team for the finals, and all students must arrive on time to compete.
- Teams will receive a prompt and have 45 minutes to prepare a presentation. After the 45 minutes, must save and close their presentation. Teams will be escorted one by one to present to a panel of judges. Once a team presents, they will be dismissed.
- Teams must remain in the room until they present, with the exception of bathroom breaks. They must have their own laptop with PowerPoint and an HDMI connection. Internet access is not permitted during the competition.

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- While waiting to present, teams are not allowed to practice, discuss the prompt, or prepare materials that could give them an advantage.

What to bring

Each team should have two laptops for prelims (one for the grader and one for the essay writers) and one laptop for finals. All laptops must have internet capability, MS word, and MS power point. The laptop used for finals must be able to connect to HDMI. Students are responsible for bringing their own power cables and it is recommended to have an extension cord.

How to Prepare

Students are advised to review the IEEE code of ethics and know how to trace case facts to the code.