

Competition Rules and Terms and Conditions

1. Promoter

The Promoter of the Competition is Kaspersky Lab Switzerland GmbH, with its registered office located at Bahnhofstrasse 69, 8001 Zürich, Switzerland.

2. Eligibility

2.1. The Competition is open to all residents worldwide who are at least 18 years old at the time of entry.

2.2. Employees of the Promoter or its affiliated companies, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.

2.3. The Competition is open to both individual participants and academic and corporate teams worldwide. There is no limit on the number of team members for the online Capture the Flag (CTF) event.

IMPORTAT NOTICE: The winning teams qualifying for the onsite SAS CTF 2025 Finals are permitted to have a maximum of five (5) members to take part in the Finals, subject to costs rules in Section 8 and 9.

3. Competition Description

The Competition will run simultaneously across five (5) separate divisions grouped by region ("Division").

4. Competition Period

- Start Date and Time: Sat, 30 August, 2025, 12:00 UTC
- End Date and Time: Sun, 31 August, 2025, 12:00 UTC

5. How to Enter

5.1. Participants must register for the Competition through the official website at <https://lp.kaspersky.com/ctf/>

5.2. Teams must provide a team name and designate a team leader who will be the primary point of contact. Participants must register with their official academic or corporate email address to confirm affiliation.

5.3. Participants are responsible for any costs or expenses associated with their participation in the Competition, except as expressly provided in Section 8 and 9.

6. Competition Rules

6.1. The competition will feature five (5) separate Divisions, with participants grouped by region - each Division will have its own scoreboard and the winner

6.2. The competition will run simultaneously across all five (5) Divisions for 24 hours on 30 August, 2025.

6.3. Participants will solve a series of cybersecurity challenges to capture "flags."

6.4. Challenges may cover various categories, including but not limited to cryptography, reverse engineering, web security, forensics and binary exploitation.

6.5. Points are awarded based on the amount of solves of the challenges.

6.6. Teams are ranked according to their total points and the time taken to solve the challenges.

6.7. Divisional results remain separate and not cross-compared, and each winner is determined solely within its own Division.

6.8. Competitors are not allowed to attack other teams or the infrastructure. The use of automated scanners or tools that would overwhelm the infrastructure is also prohibited

6.9. Sharing of flags, hints, solutions or whatever information regarding the challenges between different teams or in public sources is prohibited

7. Winner Selection

7.1. The top team (1) based on points and time shall be considered the winner of the Division.

7.2. In the event of a tie, the team that achieved the score first will be ranked higher.

7.3. The decisions of the judges and the Promoter are final and binding in all matters related to the Competition.

8. Prizes

8.1. The winning team from each Division will qualify for the onsite SAS CTF 2025 Finals, which will be conducted in accordance with the SAS CTF 2025 Finals Terms & Conditions available at: <https://ctf.thesascon.com/> and the Promoter will cover flights, accommodation costs and CTF conference passes to Security Analyst Summit 2025 for up to five (5) team members.

8.2. To claim the prize, each team member must verify their affiliation with an educational institution or company by providing an official institutional/company email address, or another official proof of affiliation

8.3. Prizes are awarded per team, not per individual team member.

8.4. Prizes are non-transferable and no substitution will be made except at the Promoter's discretion.

9. Travel and Accommodation

9.1. The Promoter will coordinate travel arrangements for the Top 1 team, covering economy-class airfare for up to five (5) team members.

9.2. The Promoter will provide accommodation in a standard hotel (selected at the Promoter's discretion) for the duration of the onsite final for up to five (5) team members per team. Accommodation covers room charges only. All incidental expenses (e.g., room service, mini-bar, telephone charges) are the responsibility of the participants.

9.3. Participants are responsible for obtaining any necessary visas or travel documents required to attend the onsite final.

9.4. If a team or any of its members are unable to travel or obtain necessary documents, the Promoter reserves the right to invite the next highest-ranking team.

10. Code of Conduct

10.1. Participants are expected to compete fairly and respect other competitors.

10.2. Any form of cheating, harassment, or violation of the Competition rules may result in immediate disqualification.

10.3. Participants must not engage in any activities that could harm the infrastructure of the Competition or other participants.

11. Intellectual Property Rights

11.1. All intellectual property rights in the materials provided during the Competition remain the property of the Promoter or its licensors.

11.2. Participants retain ownership of any code or solutions they develop during the Competition but grant the Promoter a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, and display such materials for promotional purposes.

12. Limitation of Liability

12.1. Insofar as is permitted by law, the Promoter, its agents or distributors will not in any circumstances be responsible or liable to compensate the winner(s)/finalists(s) or accept any liability for any loss whether direct, indirect or consequential loss, or damage occurring as a result of taking up the prize(s) except for personal injury or death where it is caused by the negligence of the Promoter, its agents or distributors or that of their employees. Your statutory rights are not affected.

13. Publicity

13.1. By participating in the Competition, participants agree that the Promoter may use their team name, individual names, likenesses, photographs, voices, and any statements made regarding the Competition or the prizes for promotional, marketing, and publicity purposes in any media worldwide without additional compensation, notice, or consent.

13.2. Participants may be required to participate in reasonable promotional activities related to the Competition, including interviews, press events, and photo sessions.

14. Personal Data and the Protection of Privacy

14.1. By participating in the Competition, the participant agrees that his/her personal data (contact information) will be collected, processed, stored, used and/or otherwise dealt with by the Promoter, or by entities contractually appointed or authorized by the Promoter to carry out the collection, processing, storage, usage and/or otherwise dealing of the personal data (on behalf of the Promoter) for the purpose of organizing & conducting the Competition.

14.2. Any personal data relating to the Participants will be collected, processed, stored, used or otherwise dealt with strictly in accordance with the Promoter's Privacy Policy available at <http://www.kaspersky.com/privacy>. We recommend visiting this website regularly as the Privacy Policy can be updated due to possible amendments to the law or changes of our internal processes. The participants may contact the Promoter at ctf@thesascon.com for queries relating to his/her rights or for access to or correction of his/her personal data.

14.3. The Participant hereby consents to being contacted electronically, and to the processing of personal data as noted above.

14.4. The Promoter is authorized to (by itself or by appointing third party to do so) refer to the participant by the personal data provided by the Participant in publication or promotional events connected to the Competition and its results (including publishing of participant's submitted work, activities during the competition and use of participants' pictures to be featured alongside the Promoter's brand products).

14.5. The participant shall ensure that all information submitted is complete, accurate, true and correct.

14.6. If the participant provides personal data to a third party, such personal data may be used by that third party in accordance with that third party's own terms and conditions and privacy policy. The Promoter cannot and does not assume responsibility for the content, privacy policies, or practices (including practices relating to the use, collection and disclosure of personal data) of such third parties. The participant expressly relieves the Promoter from any and all liability in connection with (i) the access and use of any third party websites, platforms or systems; (ii) any personal data submitted to any third party websites, platforms or systems; and/or (iii) the acts, omissions or defaults of any third parties.

14.7. In the event of any inconsistency, ambiguity or conflict between these Terms and Conditions and any brochure, marketing or promotional material relating to the competition, these Terms and Conditions shall prevail.

15. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

15.1. These Terms and Conditions are governed by the laws of Switzerland, without regard to conflict of law provisions and United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (CISG). The participants submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Zurich, Switzerland. Notwithstanding, legal recourse against the decision of the judges and the Promoter is excluded.

16. General

16.1. If there is any reason to believe that there has been a breach of these terms and conditions, the Promoter may, at its sole discretion, reserve the right to exclude the participant from participating in the competition.

16.2. The Promoter reserves the right to hold void, suspend, cancel, or amend the prize competition where it becomes necessary to do so.

17. Contact information

17.1. Any questions regarding the Competition please address to ctf@kaspersky.com