



# NETWARS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Who is eligible for an invite to the Core NetWars Tournament of Champions?

- For this year's Tournament of Champions, top-scoring players from 2019 and 2020 Core NetWars Tournaments will be eligible. There will be two categories:
  - Top individual players from 2019 and 2020 (generally the top 5 individuals from each event)
  - Top teams from 2019 and 2020 (generally the members of the first place team at each event)

### Which version of Core NetWars Tournament will be running at this year's Tournament of Champions?

- This year's Tournament of Champions will be running Core NetWars Tournament 6. Learn more [here](#).

### Will there be a virtual Champions reception?

- Yes, SANS will hold a virtual reception with Ed Skoudis and other special speakers on Thursday, December 17, 5:45–6:15 PM EST, before the tournament begins.

### In what time zone is the Reception and Tournament occurring?

- The Reception and Tournament are being hosted in US Eastern Time (UTC – 5).

### Will the Champions receive hoodies this year?

- All Champions who participate in the Tournament will receive a hoodie after the Tournament. To receive your hoodie, you must:
  1. Register and provide your current mailing address no later than November 30th
  2. Participate in the Tournament
- Participants should expect to receive their hoodie no later than January 15, 2021. Again, hoodies will be shipped based on **participation**, not solely on eligibility or registration. In other words, you *have* to play to get a hoodie.

### Will the winners receive Tournament of Champions trophies and coins for their victory in the Tournament of Champions?

- Yes, coins and trophies will be shipped to players who take the top spots in the Tournament of Champions:
  - To qualify for a coin, a player must place in the top 5 individuals, or be a member of the first place team.
  - To qualify for a trophy, player must be the first place individual, or be a member of the first place team.



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### **How do I know if I have successfully registered for the Tournament of Champions?**

- You will receive a confirmation email after you register.
- You will also receive an email the week of the Tournament detailing how to enter the Reception and Tournament.

### **What is the team size limit?**

- The team size limit is five eligible players. Each team member must be eligible for the Tournament of Champions in order to participate.

### **If some of my team members have not played Core NetWars Tournament 6, will we be on the Champion Non-Veteran or Champion Veteran scoreboard?**

- If any of your teammates is a veteran player of Core Tournament 6 (which the vast majority of players are), your team will participate on the veteran's scoreboard.

### **If I'm taking a bootcamp course at CDI with extended hours, will I be able to participate in the Tournament of Champions?**

- Yes, you are welcome to participate. However, the schedule for the Tournament is firm and may or may not overlap with some of your class time. If your course has a bootcamp and you plan on leaving early for the tournament please let your instructor or TA know in advance that you will need to leave class early to join the Tournament.

### **Will there be an in-person Tournament of Champions in EMEA next year? If so, will my invite be valid for the EMEA event in 2021?**

- At this time, there are no SANS in-person events scheduled for 2021.

### **If I have questions during the Tournament, whom do I contact?**

- SANS instructors and TAs will be available on Slack throughout the Tournament should any questions or issues arise. They can answer your questions in real-time.

### **Will Level 5 player scores be displayed on a separate scoreboard?**

- Level 5 players will be displayed on the same scoreboard as all other players. Your overall score will include your Level 5 score.

### **I did not receive an invite but believe I am eligible. Who may I contact to inquire about this?**

- Due to privacy policies such as GDPR, SANS is unable to send email invitations to those who do not have an active SANS account connected to NetWars. If you believe you are eligible but did not receive an email invitation, please contact [support@sans.org](mailto:support@sans.org). They will verify your eligibility for the Championship and will assist you in setting up your account and registering for the game if you are eligible to participate.