

NetRiders Europe, Russian Federation and CIS

IT Essentials NetRiders

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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NOTE: This FAQ will be updated as we get questions via email. Please see the posted date to know if you are reading the most current version. In addition to this FAQ, **it is the responsibility of each Contestant to read the Terms and Conditions.** The Terms and Conditions (Official Rules) are something students click to accept when they enroll in the competition and a PDF of these can be found on the Europe, Russian Federation and CIS regional page on www.academynetriders.com when registration opens.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Q: What are the goals of the competition?

A: Cisco NetRiders offers a fun, educational challenge for students to compete with their peers in a real-time environment that showcases their IT/Networking skills. In addition, NetRiders helps to identify top talent for potential employment opportunities. For Instructors, NetRiders is a great opportunity to provide students with opportunities to develop and demonstrate their leadership outside the traditional classroom curriculum.

Q: How is the IT Essentials competition organized?

A: The IT Essentials competition schedule is below:

REGISTRATION for student competitors

23 February – 3 April 2015

- ❖ Register for the Europe, Russian Federation and CIS IT Essentials 2015 NetRiders competition.
- ❖ Practice Site (separate enrollment) is also open during registration to test the following:
 - Firewall and proxy settings
 - Image viewing
 - Packet Tracer 6.1.1 file downloading and configuring

ROUND ONE: QUALIFIER

Tuesday, 21 April 2015 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm GMT

- ❖ One virtual exam – 60 minutes
- ❖ Top five qualified scores per academy advance (must have minimum 60% score)

ROUND TWO: INTERNATIONAL FINALS

Monday, 11 May 2015 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm GMT

- ❖ Two virtual exams – 60 minutes and one 30 minutes
- ❖ Top scores win prizes - See Official Rules for prize details

Q: What type of material is covered in the IT Essentials competition?

A: The theoretical exam focuses on the IT Essentials course knowledge and skills. There will also be some Internet of Everything (IoE) and soft skills questions. In addition, there are integrated Packet Tracer 6.1.1 activities.

The exams consist of multiple-choice single and multiple answers, fill-in-the blank and matching items.

Please visit Cisco Learning Network to create your own free login then test yourself (IE is not recommended for the Cisco Learning Network).

Games Arcade

https://learningnetwork.cisco.com/community/learning_center/games

Q: Where do students compete?

A: Students compete online at www.academynetriders.com and represent their academy where they are currently taking or have recently completed an IT Essentials course.

Q: What does it cost to register for the competition?

A: Registration and participation in the NetRiders competition is free of charge.

Q: What languages can students compete in?

A: For the Europe, Russian Federation and CIS IT Essentials competition, students may select to compete in English, French, Italian, Polish or Russian. All languages will be available on the competition page. But Competitors may not open the competition exams in more than one language.

Q. What are the equipment and software requirements for participation?

A: The standard CCNA Routing and Switching PC or Laptop as described under the Programs menu ([Equipment Information](#) pulldown option) in Cisco NetSpace. The computer needs to be able to access the Internet and run Packet Tracer 6.1.1 or higher. *IMPORTANT NOTE: Packet Tracer 6.1.1 or higher must be installed and operation tested prior to exam date.* You can download the mores current version of Packet Tracer from the Cisco NetSpace website at <https://www.netacad.com/group/offerings/packet-tracer> (post-login).
Contact the Academy Support Desk for further assistance on Packet Tracer installation.

Q: What are the key dates for this competition?

A: Below are the dates to know for the competition:

23 February – 3 April – Registration for the actual competition page is open for student competitors. The Practice Site is also available (separate enrollment required) to sample questions, test graphics viewing, PT file downloading, bandwidth, firewall and proxy settings.

21 April from 12:00-4:00 pm GMT - Round One Competition – competitors must login during this time and complete both Round One exams. It is the competitor’s responsibility to know the times for their location. (1:00-5:00 pm WEST GMT+1, 2:00-6:00 pm CEST GMT+2, 3:00-7:00 pm EEST GMT+3, 4:00-8:00 pm GMT+4, 5:00-9:00 pm GMT+5, 6:00-10:00pm GMT+6)

5 May – Round One email notifications sent to those who advance to Round Two. Rankings from Round One will also be posted on the competition page.

9 May – Email will be sent to all Round Two competitors with the Round Two exam passwords.

11 May from 12:00-4:00 pm GMT – Round Two Competition – competitors must login during this time and complete both Round Two exams. It is the competitor’s responsibility to know the times for their location. (1:00-5:00 pm WEST GMT+1, 2:00-6:00 pm CEST GMT+2, 3:00-7:00 pm EEST GMT+3, 4:00-8:00 pm GMT+4, 5:00-9:00 pm GMT+5, 6:00-10:00pm GMT+6)

22 May – Round Two email notifications sent to those who win prizes. Declaration forms will need to be signed and returned by student (and parent/legal guardian if prize winner is under 18 years of age). Rankings from Round Two will also be posted on the competition page.

ELIGIBILITY

Q: Who is eligible to participate in the Europe, Russian Federation and CIS NetRiders IT Essentials competition?

A: The Europe, Russian Federation and CIS NetRiders IT Essentials Competition is open to any student from each participating country in Europe, Russian Federation and CIS (See Rules for complete list) who meet **all** of the following criteria:

(a) is a currently, validly enrolled Cisco Networking Academy student or former Cisco Networking Academy student who is validly enrolled in or recently completed with a passing grade in an **IT Essentials course** within 10 months prior to the Competition registration open date (February 16, 2015);

(b) who is at least **13 years** of age by March 20, 2015;

(c) who provides a valid Cisco **NetSpace** screen name and password number when registering;

(d) who has network access that supports participation;

(e) who is a resident of and is currently or was recently enrolled in a Cisco Networking Academy at a country as listed in the Terms and Conditions.

Q: Can a student competitor be enrolled in more than one competition in the same calendar year?

A: No, students may not be concurrently enrolled in two or all three competitions. They must select the competition that best fits with the courses they are taking or have completed.

Q: Can a student competitor enroll in the same competition (CCNA, CCENT or IT Essentials) two or three years in a row?

A: No, beginning with 2015, students may not participate in any level of competition (CCNA, CCENT or IT Essentials) more than one time. Beginning in 2016, we will check to see if someone participated in the 2015 IT Essentials competition. If they did and enrolled in 2016 IT Essentials competition, they will be disqualified from the IT Essentials competition. Beginning with 2015, it is important for students to be strategic as to which year they compete in each level of competition as they will only be able to compete in each level once in their NetRiders career.

Q: How does a student decide which competition to enroll in?

A: Please use this table to determine which competition to enroll in:

Course	Status	Competition
<i>IT Essentials</i>	Currently enrolled or recently completed with passing grade	IT Essentials
<i>1st courses in CCNA</i> CCNA Routing & Switching: Introduction to Networks CCNA Discovery: Networking for Home and Small Businesses CCNA Exploration: Network Fundamentals	Currently enrolled or recently completed with a passing grade or recently completed IT Essentials	Either CCENT or IT Essentials (but not both)
<i>2nd courses in CCNA</i> CCNA Routing & Switching: Routing and Switching Essentials CCNA Discovery: Working at a Small-to-Medium Business or ISP CCNA Exploration: Routing Protocols	Currently enrolled or recently completed with passing grade	CCENT

and Concepts		
3rd courses in CCNA CCNA Routing & Switching: Scaling Networks CCNA Discovery: Introducing Routing and Switching in the Enterprise CCNA Exploration: LAN Wireless and Switching	Currently enrolled or recently completed and if recently completed CCNA 1 or 2 in the last 10 months	Either CCNA or CCENT (but not both)
4th courses in CCNA CCNA Routing & Switching: Connecting Networks CCNA Discovery: Designing and Supporting Computer Networks CCNA Exploration: Accessing the WAN	Currently enrolled and recently completed CCNA 1 or 2 in the last 10 month	Either CCNA or CCENT (but not both)
	Completed with Passing grade	CCNA

Q: Can a student competitor be enrolled in a CCNA Security or CCNP course and still be eligible to compete?

A: No. A student currently taking CCNA Security or CCNP courses can only enroll in the CCNA NetRiders competition providing the student meets all eligibility requirements for it.

Q: Can a student competitor be enrolled in a CCNA course and still be eligible to compete?

A: Yes, but **only if** the student is either currently enrolled or was recently enrolled in an IT Essentials course within the 10 month rule listed within the Eligibility requirements listed in Section 1 of the Terms and Conditions.

Q: Does both the student's start and end date of the eligible Cisco IT Essentials course have to be within the 10 month timeframe (24 April 2014 – 23 February 2015)?

A: No, the start date of the course may have been earlier than 23 April 2014 but on that date, the student must have been enrolled in an eligible course that ends 24 April 2014 or later (the course end date can be later than 23 February 2015).

Acceptable scenarios:

1. Enrolled in *IT Essentials* starting 15 April 2014 and ending 20 August 2014.
2. Currently enrolled in *Introduction to Networks* with a course end date of 20 May 2015. Enrolled in *IT Essentials* starting 10 September 2014 and ending 15 December 2014. (NOTE: A student with this scenario may choose whether to participate in the IT Essentials competition or the CCENT competition, but not both.)

Unacceptable scenarios:

1. Has already completed all 4 CCNA courses.
2. Enrolled in *IT Essentials* starting 8 January 2014 and ending 15 April 2014.

Q: Can a competitor have both a student and instructor role and be eligible to participate?

A: No, if anyone holds an instructor or staff role in Cisco NetSpace or previously held an instructor or staff role, they are not eligible to compete in the any NetRiders competition and will be disqualified.

Q: Does the student competitor have to be a citizen of the countries eligible for this competition?

A: No, a competitor may be from any country but must be currently residing legally in a European or CIS country or the Russian Federation and be taking or have recently taken a qualifying course at an academy within Europe, Russian Federation and CIS.

Q: Can a student competitor who is residing in another country but taking an online course at an academy in the Europe, Russian Federation or CIS compete?

A: No, a competitor must be currently residing in a European or CIS country or the Russian Federation and be taking or have recently completed a qualifying course on an academy campus in the Europe, Russian Federation and CIS.

Q: Can a competitor work at Cisco through a third party vendor and be eligible to participate?

A: No, if anyone is working at Cisco either as a direct employee or through a third party vendor and has a Cisco email and/or badge, they are not eligible to compete in any NetRiders competition and will be disqualified.

Q: What happens if a competitor does not meet ALL eligibility requirements?

A: Competitors will be disqualified from the competition if they do not meet all eligibility requirements.

REGISTRATION AND ENROLMENT KEY

Q: When is registration open?

A: Registration will be Monday, 23 February 2015 through Friday, 3 April 2015. It is available 24 hours a day on www.academynetriders.com.

Q: Who should register?

A: **Students** who meet all eligibility requirements should register for this competition.

Q: What is the enrolment key?

A: The enrolment key is case-sensitive. Students should only enroll in **one competition in a calendar year**.

The enrolment key is **EUR_ITE_2015**

Q: Where do student competitors register?

A: All registration is completed online at www.academynetriders.com.

Q: How do I register for the competition?

A: Registering for a competition is a **two-step** process.

1. First, it requires registering a profile on the NetRiders site by logging in using your Cisco **NetSpace** screen name and password.
2. Second, it requires enrolling in a specific competition (**Europe, Russian Federation and CIS 2015 IT Essentials NetRiders**) with the *enrolment key*.

Q: How do I create a profile on the NetRiders site (www.academynetriders.com)?

A: Follow these instructions to create a profile:

Step 1: Select Login on the upper right of the home page.

Step 2: On the next screen, select Cisco NetSpace on the right side of the page to login

Step 3: Type in your Cisco NetSpace screen name and password (if you are new to the site, a page will display with pre-populated information from your Cisco NetSpace profile)

Step 4: Review the information and select Create My New Account (this will make you a registered user on the NetRiders site)

Note: Registering a profile the NetRiders site can take place at any time whereas registering for a specific competition can only take place during the Registration Period for that competition.

Q: How do I register for the Europe, Russian Federation and CIS 2015 IT Essentials NetRiders competition?

A: Follow these instructions to register for the 2015 IT Essentials NetRiders competition:

Step 1: Obtain an *enrolment key* from your instructor or by reading the FAQ on the Europe, Russian Federation and CIS regional page available pre-login. You must have an enrolment key to participate.

Step 2: Once you obtain your *enrolment key*, during the Registration Period go to www.academynetriders.com and login using your Cisco NetSpace username and password. The login link can be found on the upper right of the NetRiders site home page.

Step 3: Under Competition Categories, select NetRiders Europe, Russian Federation and CIS 2015 and then select **Europe, Russian Federation and CIS 2015 IT Essentials NetRiders** on the next page.

Step 4: Read and Agree to the Terms and Conditions (official rules of the competition).

Step 5: Type in the *Enrolment Key*: **EUR_ITE_2015**

The Participant will now be enrolled in the Competition and will be able to view the competition page.

NOTE: Please verify that you are enrolled in the Competition and not only on the Practice Site page. The Practice Site is separate from the IT Essentials competition page.

Q: Can instructors register their students in the competition?

A: No, each student competitor must register their own profile on the www.academynetriders.com site and then use the *Enrolment Key* to register for a competition. During this process students have to read and click to accept the legal terms and conditions of the competition which is why students must register for themselves.

Q: Can instructors see a list of students participating in the competition?

A: On the competition page, there is link in the upper left titled Participants. Instructors who register on the IT Essentials competition page may select that link and see a list of all the students who have enrolled in the competition. They can sort first name, surname, academy or state/province. This allows proctors to see which students from their class or academy have enrolled in the competition.

Search by Academy name

Search by State/Province

Academy ↓	State/Province	Country
Bossier Parish Technical School	Louisiana	United States
Bossier Parish Technical School	Louisiana	United States
Brazos ISD Computer Networking Academy	Texas	United States
Brazos ISD Computer Networking Academy	Texas	United States
Bristol Plymouth RVTHS	Massachusetts	United States
Bristol Plymouth RVTHS	Massachusetts	United States

Academy	State/Province ↓	Country
Cranston Career and Technical Center	Rhode Island	United States
Cranston Career and Technical Center	Rhode Island	United States
Cranston Career and Technical Center	Rhode Island	United States
Warwick Area Career and Technical Center	Rhode Island	United States
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Q: I am having issues registering on the site. What can I do?

A: There could be a number of reasons you cannot register. If you are not a current student or did not recently pass a qualifying course at a Cisco Academy, the site will not allow you to register because you do not meet the eligibility requirements. If you do meet eligibility requirements and still have issues:

1. Clear your cookies and cache and try again especially if you are using Internet Explorer 8
2. Only two browsers are fully supported for the NetRiders site: **Firefox** and **Internet Explorer**
3. If you use Chrome, Opera, Safari or any other browser, you may have issues
4. Check with your academy to see if there is a proxy or firewall that is blocking your access
5. Try to register from a different location other than your school and if that works, talk with your school about firewall issues because you will need access for the competition
6. If you are still having issues, please send a screenshot of the problem along the information below to NetRiders_EUR@external.cisco.com. Please include your first and last name, Cisco NetSpace username, country name, academy name, and the Internet browser and version number along with the operating system you are using. Please also indicate that it is the **CCNA** competition you are participating in. A screenshot of the issue along with the steps you took to get there is very helpful.

Q: How can I confirm that I am registered on the actual competition page?

A: After you register for the NetRiders site and enroll in the Europe, Russian Federation and CIS 2015 IT Essentials NetRiders competition, you should be able to see this page:

The screenshot shows the 'NetRiders Competitions' website. At the top, there is a green header with the text 'NetRiders Competitions'. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with 'Administration' and 'Profile' links. The main content area is titled 'Competition Outline' and features a world map with regions colored in orange, blue, green, and purple. Below the map, there is a welcome message in multiple languages: 'Welcome to Europe, Russian Federation and CIS IT Essentials NetRiders', 'Bienvenue à la compétition IT Essentials des Europe, Fédération de Russe et CIS', 'Добро пожаловать на Соревнование "Europe, Russian Federation and CIS IT Essentials NetRiders"', 'Witamy w konkursie IT Essentials', and 'Benvenuti in Europa, Federazione Russa e CIS IT Essentials NetRiders'. To the right of the map, there is a section titled 'NetRiders Phases' which includes a photo of two people holding a certificate and a 'CLASSROOM POSTER' section with instructions in English, French, and Russian. At the bottom right, there is an 'IMPORTANT DATES' section listing '23 February - 3 April: Registration'.

PRACTICE SITE

Q: Will there be an opportunity for a Practice Exam before the actual competition?

A: Yes, the Practice Site is available to participants to give them the opportunity to become familiar with the log-in process and competition site. There is a practice theoretical exam available on the **Practice Site**. Each registrant (student or instructor) can take the practice exams up to five (5) times. Use the Practice Site to check for:

- Testing login
- Packet Tracer 6.1.1 or higher compatibility
- Your site firewalls and proxy settings at your academy
- Bandwidth issues
- Image or graphic loading

NOTE: The Practice Site is designed to give you an idea of the types of questions that will be asked and to test all the above listed functionality prior to the competition dates but it is not meant to be an exam preparation site. Many times you will need to work with your academy's IT department on firewall and proxy settings. The computer on which you are competing must have Packet Tracer 6.1.1 or higher installed. You can download the most current version of Packet Tracer from the Cisco NetSpace website at <https://www.netacad.com/group/offerings/packet-tracer> (post-login).

Contact the Academy Support Desk for further assistance. After testing the technology using the Practice Exam, students can visit the CCNA Prep Center on Cisco Learning Network (free login you create): <https://learningnetwork.cisco.com>

Q: How can student competitors access the Practice Site?

A: The Practice Site is accessible post-login. Under the Competition Categories, click on your region, NetRiders Europe, Russian Federation and CIS 2015. You will need to enroll in the Practice Site and the enrolment key is available in the summary block on that page.

Q: What is on the Practice Site?

A: The Practice Site has two CCNA, two CCENT and one IT Essentials exam samples that can be accessed and taken. IT Essentials competitors may also want to try the CCENT PT Activity Exam where you download some PT files and complete configurations using Packet Tracer in preparation for Round Two where there is a separate PT exam.

COMPETITION ROUNDS

Q: What is the format of the NetRiders IT Essentials Competition?

A: The competition is held in two rounds. See dates and overview in the General Information section above.

Q: Who can compete in each round of the competition?

A:

Round 1: All current or recent students of an IT Essentials course with an active Cisco NetSpace account who meet all eligibility requirements (See Terms and Conditions for more details).

Round 2: The top 5 scores (with a 60% minimum score) from each participating academy in each state, province district, or territory. (See Terms and Conditions for more details).

Q: What are the dates and times for each IT Essentials round?

A: Round 1 is on Tuesday, 21 April 2015 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. GMT.

Round 2 is on Monday, 11 May 2015 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. GMT.

It is the responsibility of each competitor to know what time that is for their location.

Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) competes from **12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Western Europe Summer Time (WEST GMT+1) competes from **1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Central Europe Summer Time (CEST GMT+2) competes from **2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Eastern Europe Summer Time (EEST GMT+3) competes from **3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

AMT and GET (GMT+4) competes from **4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

AZST, TJT, UZT and TMT (GMT+5) competes from **5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

ALMT and KGT (GMT+6) competes from **6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.**

The exams for each round do not take 4 hours but competitors need to complete both exams within the 4 hour block of time.

Q: Is the competition proctored?

A: No, this is a non-proctored competition. Competitors are required to login and take the exams during the four hour time block for each round.

Q: Which browser should students use when accessing the competition exams?

A: Students should access competition page using **Mozilla Firefox** or **Internet Explorer** as their browser. These are the two browsers that are fully supported. If students use Chrome, Opera, Safari or any other browser, they may have issues and that can cause students to lose time. Please make sure to use either Firefox or IE when accessing this competition.

Q: Can students use a calculator when taking the exams?

A: Students **may** use a calculator to compute area and money conversions and basic arithmetic. Students **may not** use a calculator for IP number conversions or hexadecimal conversions.

Q: Can competitors open the exams in more than one language?

A: No. Activating the exams in more than one language is cause for disqualification. There will be an exam link for each language and the link will begin with the name of the language. Examples:

- ENGLISH – Round 1 IT Essentials Exam
- FRANÇAIS – Round 1 IT Essentials Exam
- ITALIANO – Round 1 IT Essentials Exam
- POLSKA – Round 1 IT Essentials Exam
- РОССИЯ – Round 1 IT Essentials Exam

If a competitor opens both exam links, enters the exam password and begins the exam in more than one language but only answers questions on one exam, the competitor will still be disqualified.

Q: Can competitors use external aids when taking the exams?

A: No external aids, including but not limited to books or websites, may be used for the exams. The only acceptable notes are Engineer Journal Notes taken from the Packet Tracer activity and/or exam.

Q: Can competitors pause the exam once opened?

A: No. For each exam, the time begins once you enter the exam password and click the OK button. Competitors may not pause an exam once they have started it.

Q: Can competitors change their answers?

A: Yes. Competitors should use the **'save without submitting'** button as they work through the exam questions. Normally about 10 questions will show per page. Competitors will be able to move back and forth between all pages and review their answers and make changes as long as they have time left on the exam timer.

Q: Do competitors need to save and submit their final answers?

A: Yes. The exams are automatically disabled after the time limit is up. It is important to submit scores using the **'Submit all and finish'** button before the time runs out. This button will close the exam and you will not be able to access that exam again.

Q: Are competitors penalized for incorrect answers?

A:

- On single select answers, only correct answers count for points so competitors are not penalized for an incorrect answer
- On multiple select answers (where there are 2, 3 or 4 statements to select as answers), competitors will be penalized for incorrect answers selected

Q: What can I do if I have trouble with my Internet connection after I open an exam?

A: Competitors are responsible for their connectivity issues. That is why we strongly recommend you take the practice exams from the location you plan to compete from to test bandwidth, image loading and PT file downloading and configuring. If you lose Internet connectivity during an exam, log back in quickly and open the exam again. You will only have the time remaining on the timer. We will not reset exams due to connectivity issues.

Q: What can I do if I have trouble viewing an image in an exam?

A: If an image is not displaying properly, do not panic. First, make sure you are logged in using either Firefox or Internet Explorer as your browser. Then, you may either skip that question or you may take a minute to email the NetRiders team at NetRiders_EUR@external.cisco.com. Indicate which exam you are in (IT Essentials exam or IT Essentials Packet Tracer exam) and the question number where the image is not displaying properly. Make sure to include your name and the email address associated with your NetSpace account in the email. The NetRiders team will verify that you are currently taking the exam and they will email you the image. **While you are waiting for the image via email, please skip that question and continue working on the other questions. The exam timer cannot be paused so you do not want to waste valuable time.** We will not make any concessions for images not shown as it is caused by a bandwidth, firewall, or proxy setting on your end or the use of a browser that we do not recommend.

Q: Who can I contact for support during the exams?

A: Competitors and instructors can contact the NetRiders support team at NetRiders_EUR@external.cisco.com. We will have staff monitoring the emails during exam dates and times. Please note that the more information you provide, the faster our team can troubleshoot the email and respond. Also, our main team speaks English only so if you send your email in another language, our team will use Google translate (<https://translate.google.com/>) to understand your questions but they will reply to you in English.

Q: Can competitors see which questions were answered correctly or what the correct answer was if answered incorrectly?

A: No, we do not provide any details on whether questions were answered correctly or incorrectly on any of our competition exams. Nor do we provide what the correct answer is if answered incorrectly.

Q: Can instructors request to see the scores for their student competitors?

A: No, we do not provide any scores to instructors. We do not provide scores for any of the competitions. We only provide rankings.

Q: Why aren't scores or results on individual questions provided to student competitors or instructors?

A: This is a competition during a specific block of time. We do not want competitors to share results using social media or other venues that would give other competitors an unfair advantage. Therefore, we keep all scores and results private and accessible to competition administrators only. This is our global policy for all NetRiders competitions.

Q: How is each Round structured and scored?

A: The details on the structures of the exams in each round and how they are scored can be found in the legal Terms and Conditions which competitors clicked to accept when entering the competition. A PDF file of the Rules can also be found on the competition page and on the regional page available pre-login.

Q: How do competitors access the exams?

A: Competitors login to the NetRiders site and go to the competition page. Competitors will click on the exam links in the one language they are competing in and type in the exam passwords. ***Exam passwords for Round 1 will be visible after clicking on an exam link. Exam passwords for Round 2 will be sent via email to all Round 2 competitors. Read the General Information section above for all important dates.*** We highly recommend taking the test on a computer with a fast and stable Internet connection.

Q: When will the winners for each Round be announced?

A: ***Read the General Information section above for all important dates.*** The top scores who advance and the winners will be notified via email. The rankings will also be posted on the NetRiders website on the actual competition page and on the Wall of Fame.

PRIZES

Q: What are the Round 1 prizes?

A: There are not any prizes awarded after Round 1. There will be a PDF Certificate of Participation that students who competed in Round 1 can download from the competition page. This will be available after Round 1 results are announced on April 21, 2015.

Q: What are the Round 2 prizes?

A: Prizes will only be given to the top five (5) Competitors after Round 2.
(NOTE: Prize details are listed in the RULES. Please review during the registration process or by clicking the Rules PDF on the competition page after Registration)

DISQUALIFICATION

Q: What happens if a competitor does not meet ALL eligibility requirements?

A: Competitors will be disqualified from the competition if they do not meet all eligibility requirements.

Q: What are causes for disqualification in this competition?

A: The Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any Competitor for any breach of the Terms and Conditions. It is the responsibility of each Competitor to read the Terms and Conditions in detail. In particular, Competitors should note the following reasons disqualification may occur:

- Failure to meet all eligibility requirements
- Failure to respond to email from Cisco requesting proof of eligibility, if required
- Failure to be currently/recently (within the last 10 months from the date registration opens) and validly enrolled in an IT Essentials course
- Enrolls in more than one NetRiders competition this calendar year
- Opens the exams in more than one language
- Competed in the NetRiders IT Essentials Competition in a previous year
- Using external aids (except Engineer Journal used during exam Packet Tracer activity), including but not limited to books or websites, while taking the exams
- Copying or sharing of exam questions, answers, images or files
- Has a NetAcad Instructor or NetAcad Staff role in Cisco NetSpace or previously held an Instructor role in Academy Connection
- Works directly for Cisco or at Cisco through a third-party vendor

INSTRUCTOR QUESTIONS

Q: What is the instructor's role for Registration?

A: The instructor will be responsible for, but not limited to, the following:

- promoting the competition to their students (there is a classroom poster PDF available on the NetRiders page for your region that you may download and print)

- providing the IT Essentials enrolment key to your IT Essentials students to register between 23 February – 3 April 2015 (If you did not receive an enrolment key via email from Cisco or your ASC, you may not be opted in to receive email communications. But, the enrolment key may also be found in this FAQ in the *Registration and Enrollment Key* section above)
- verifying that the students register for the **actual competition before Registration closes on Friday, 3 April** (not just on the NetRiders website or on the practice site page)
- Verifying that students are registering for the level of competition that they are eligible. If they are eligible for more than one based on course eligibility, please help them be strategic in which year they should compete in each level. Students may only compete in one level in a calendar year and beginning with 2015 competitions, they may only compete in each level one time.

Q: I am an instructor but in my NetRiders profile, it lists my Role as Competitor.

A: All who register in a competition are automatically assigned the role of Competitor. As long as your Network Academy Role in the NetRiders profile lists you as inst for Instructor, within 36 hours of registration, you will be moved by the NetRiders team into the role of Instructor-Observer. **There is no need to email us.** We will do this automatically each week. Note that we will not move instructors to this role in the Practice Site. Only Competitor roles are allowed to view the exams and we assume instructors in the Practice Site will want to view the practice exams to be able to help their students prepare.

Q: I am an instructor and would like to know which students of mine have registered.

A: As an instructor, you can use the same enrolment key your students use to enroll in one, two or all three levels of competitions. Once an instructor has been moved into the Instructor-Observer role (will automatically happen within 36 hours of registering on a competition page), the instructor will now have access to see the Participants list by clicking on the link now displayed on the upper left side of the competition page. Instructors can click on the columns and sort by country, academy name or individual names.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Q: Who do I contact if I have any further questions?

A: Please be sure to read this FAQ and the Terms and Conditions (Rules) document in their entirety. If you cannot find your answer in this FAQ, on the NetRiders site www.academynetriders.com, or in the Terms and Conditions, please submit your questions to NetRiders_EUR@external.cisco.com. You need to include your full name, country, academy name, indicate whether you are a student competitor or an instructor, your Cisco NetSpace username along with your detailed question. Failure to provide all of the above details may cause a delayed response. Emails are generally answered Monday through Friday between 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Pacific Time (GMT-8 hours). It can take up to 3 business day to receive a response except for competition days where our team will respond as quickly as possible.