The National Cyber League (NCL) is a biannual cybersecurity competition.

Open to U.S. high school & college students, the competition consists of a series of challenges that allow students to demonstrate their ability to identify hackers from forensic data, pentest and audit vulnerable websites, recover from ransomware attacks, and more. NCL covers a wide variety of cyber skills with varying difficulty levels. Challenges start easy and get progressively harder. NCL is all about getting further each season.

**NCL Season Overview**

- **Aug. 23 - Dec. 17**
  - Gymnasium
  - Practice challenges to prepare for NCL

- **Oct. 11 - Oct. 18**
  - Preseason
  - Compete to get bracketed for Individual Game

- **Oct. 22 - Oct. 24**
  - Individual Game
  - Compete and show off your individual skills

- **Nov. 5 - Nov. 7**
  - Team Game
  - Collaborate with your Team (Team size: 1 - 7)
  - Each school may register multiple Teams of any size

**Why Participate in the NCL?**

- **NCL makes you a better cybersecurity professional** by helping you understand your strengths and weakness, so you know how to improve yourself.

- **Build confidence** by getting the experience of applying your cybersecurity knowledge to solve real-world problems.

- **The NCL Scouting Report is a powerful tool** to present to employers when applying for jobs or internships.

- **It’s fun and you can play from home or from school!**
  - Over 6,000 students across the nation participate in the NCL each semester!

**Skills Covered in the NCL**

- Open Source Intelligence
- Log Analysis
- Network Traffic Analysis
- Cryptography
- Scanning & Recon
- Forensics
- Password Cracking
- Enumeration & Exploitation
- Web Application Security

Registration for NCL 2021 Fall Season is open August 23 - October 7, 11:59 pm ET

Register: cyberskyline.com/events/ncl

Whether you’re a novice or an advanced hacker, NCL has something for you!

No specialized hardware or software necessary. You can even play NCL from a Chromebook!