

National Cipher Challenge GDPR Compliance revised version 3

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Revision history:

V3:Rewritten to accommodate changes in data regime

V2: Deletion date in Personal Data section corrected to read 27/09/2020 in place of 27/09/202

Data collection policy revised to remove reference to schools, simplified gender reporting and the use of aggregate data in diversity reporting.

Data controller: University of Southampton

Information Asset: National Cipher Challenge database

Information Asset Owner: Prof Graham A. Niblo, School of Mathematical Sciences

Summary

1. We use cookies to anonymously track usage of the website through Google Analytics. No personally identifiable information is recorded by Google Analytics' cookies.
2. We also use cookies to keep track of users' activities when they login in order to facilitate the core functions of the site. We don't request more information from you when registering for an account than is necessary to administer the competition. If you have any questions or concerns about this or any aspect of data security on this site then please do contact us at cipher@soton.ac.uk.

Your data

1. We collect data about you solely for use in connection with the competition.
2. We will only share that data with those who need it in order to administer the competition or prizes. This includes the competition staff at the University of Southampton and a small number of staff in the website development team and they are only permitted to use that data in connection with the competition.
3. With the exception of the Leader Boards and material you post on the Forum, if any, we will not share your data with anyone else without your consent.
4. We will delete your data on request, submitted in writing or by email to cipher@soton.ac.uk

Personal Data

Users who registered for the competition in Autumn 2019 were required to provide information in line with the version of this policy dated 27/09/2019.

ALL NEW USERS for the 2020 edition of the Challenge will be requested to provide information in line with the revised policy below

All new users are asked to provide a username and not their real name, together with a screen name, a team name, a password and three security questions in case of the need to reset the password. Competitors are reminded not to include any personal information in the published data.

On registration all participants are asked to volunteer their gender with the options male, female, neither and prefer not to say, and their age. This information is not associated with the individual account and is used only in aggregate with all other entries to monitor diversity. Given that the competition usually attracts entries from over 1,000 registrations this is expected to provide reasonable anonymity for the data. If that is not the case then the data will be aggregated with the aggregate diversity data from other years to ensure the required level of anonymity.

Registrants are also asked to provide a school name and town. These are associated with the account but that does not store any additional identifying personal information.

How we store the data

The data is stored in a secure database hosted by 10 Degrees as part of their WordPress deployment. It is hosted by Cloudflare.

Who has access to the data

Access to the information in the database content is controlled by password access and disseminated on a need to know basis to a small team of named administrators at the University of Southampton and 10 Degrees web development agency. The data owner is Prof Graham A. Niblo and GDPR compliance is monitored by the University of Southampton.

Ways in which we use the data we hold

Information about individuals will only be used in connection with the competition. It will not be lent, sold or otherwise provided to other organisations, or used by us in any way that is not required for the effective conduct of the competition. Data held in aggregate may also be used in our diversity reporting.

Data that we will publish

Information about the performance of competitors will be published on the site, in particular on the league tables, and this will comprise team names and school affiliations, but not names of individuals. S

The forum associated with the competition will automatically publish screen names, but not personal information about competitors, and the forum administrators will moderate entries to ensure that personal information is not published.

How long we hold and publish your personal data

Within one year from the end of the competition, or sooner if you request this in writing, the data stored in the registration database will be deleted. Leader boards, news items and forum posts will continue to be published as a matter of public record.

Competition winners

In the interest of transparency and fairness, competition prize winners are required to allow us to publish their names and school affiliations on the competition website as a condition of being awarded the prize. We will also ask for permission to publish this information as a press release, but this is not a requirement.