



Northeast Collegiate Cyber Defense League

Info Session #1
Oct 10, 2026 ✦



Welcome

- Introductions
- NECCDL League Information
- NECCDC 2026
- Q&A

👉 Please hold NECCDC questions until Q&A



Who?

- **President:** Joe Eastman (Champlain)
- **Vice President:** Andrew Aiken (WGU)
- **Co-Secretary:** Damira Pon (UAlbany) & Matt Heath VanHorn (Embry-Riddle)
- **Lead Judge:** Matt Heath VanHorn (Embry-Riddle)
- **New Team Orientation:** David Murray (UBuffalo)
- **Co-Sponsorship Coord:** Joe Eastman (Champlain) & Damira Pon (UAlbany)
- **Social Media** Damira Pon (UAlbany)
- **Website:** Andrew Aiken (WGU)



League Membership Fee

- Provides League Membership for one NECCDC season
 - \$100 for new teams
 - \$250 for returning teams
- League Membership Signup at neccd.org is open
 - Registration fee can be paid via PayPal (accepts cards)



Coach Responsibilities for the League

- Serve as primary point-of-contact for League announcements
 - Relay relevant information to competitors promptly
 - Communicate any inquiries from competitors to the League
- Ensures completion of League membership sign-up & payment for membership fee
- Compiles & submits provided team roster form / other necessary documentation by set deadlines



Coach Responsibilities for the League

- Represents your academic institution as a League delegate in votes
- Must be aware and knowledgeable of competition rules
- Coordinate local White Team Moderators for Qualifier and provide their contact information to League
- Serve as the emergency contact during competitions


NECCDC 2026

Overview





NECCDC 2026 | Team Leads

- White Team Co-Captains
 - Damira Pon
 - Joe Eastman
 - Mackenzie Marsocci
 - Matt Heath VanHorn
- Black Team Lead(s): 
- Red Team Co-Captains: Meredith Kasper & Dan Becker



NECCDC 2026 | Theme

Modernization

There is the constant struggle to stay up-to-date with infrastructure and security while also dealing with business objectives.

- Monitoring and Alerting
- Change Management
- Layered Network Architecture
- Configuration Management
- Identity and Access Control
- Multi-Factor Authentication

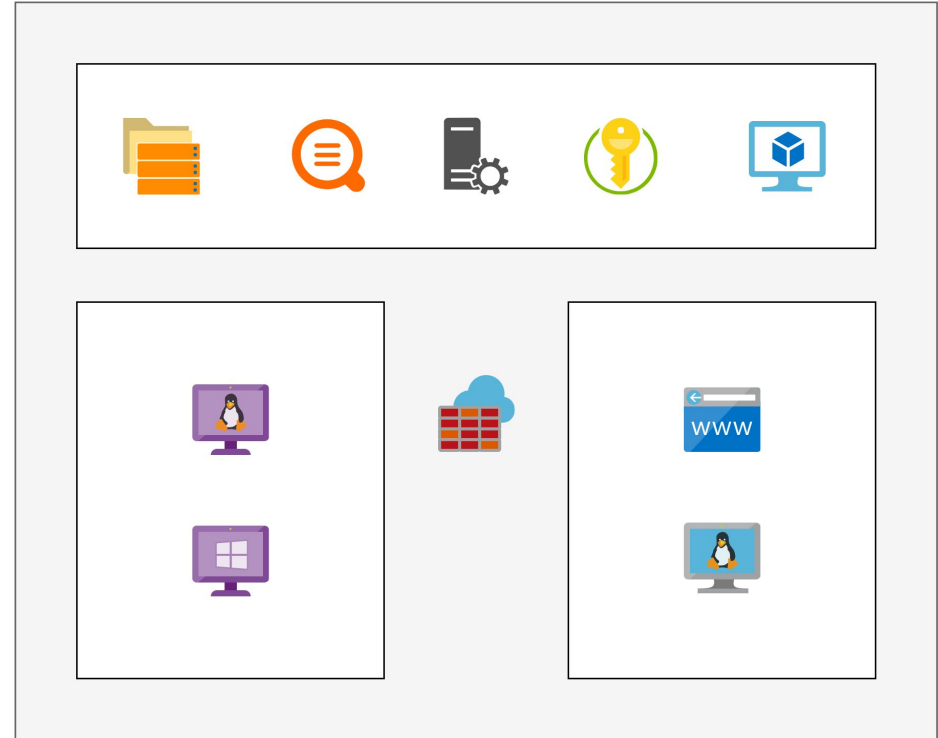


NECCDC 2026 | Environment Brief

Thank you for joining <food corp>, we are happy to have you on board to help with the modernization of our infrastructure. We are like a family here! Our vision with our modernization project is to become the leading provider of fast food in all of New England. You can look forward to working with our container-based metrics and logging. We have a secure robust IAM system for our employees and vendors. It is so secure, that we don't bother with auditing of users and permissions.

NECCDC 2026 | High-level Architecture

- Firewall
- Windows Server
- Ubuntu / Debian
- RHEL *
- Identity Maintenance
- Centralized logging
- CMS
- Credential Management
- Runtime Security
- Database
- File Server
- Encryption Tunnel
- Object Storage
- SIEM
- Containers
- System Monitoring





Key Dates of the 2026 Season

- Signup to Join the League is Open: <https://neccdl.org/join>
- Roster Submission Opening Soon:
 - **#! November**
 - League Member Institutions will provide Team Roster Submission Info through Nationals
- **January 19, 2026:** NECCDC Roster Submission Deadline
 - The earlier teams are registered, the sooner they have access to resources



Key Dates of the 2026 Season

- January 24, 2026: Qualifier Beta Test
- January 31, 2026: NECCDC 2026 Qualifier
- TBD Mid-February 2026: Quals Outbrief & Regional Overview
- March 2026: NECCDC 2025 Regional
 - Top 10 Teams who qualify compete to advance at Nationals



NECCDC Resources for League Members

- New or returning team orientation
 - Focused on new team orientation for Qualifier prep
 - Conducted by UBuffalo Coach: **Dave Murray**
 - Offered to registered League members
 - Reach out to orientation@neccdl.org if interested



Questions?