



Code of Conduct

What we expect from everyone in the club: members, coaches, volunteers, and guests. It applies at Sunday meetings, at events we attend together, and in club online spaces.

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Why we have this

South OC Cyber Club is a place for middle and high school students to learn cybersecurity together. That only works if everyone feels safe, welcome, and respected, and if the skills we learn are used the right way. This code describes how we treat each other. Our separate **Acceptable-Use Guidelines** describe how we use technology and security skills.

Everyone in the club

- 1 **Treat people with respect.** Be kind and patient, especially with people who are new. Everyone started as a beginner.
- 2 **No harassment or bullying.** This includes insults, threats, unwanted contact, and jokes about anyone's race, gender, religion, disability, background, or skill level, whether in person or online.
- 3 **Keep it welcoming.** Use appropriate language, include people in group work, and make room for quieter members to take part.
- 4 **Respect privacy.** Don't share anyone's personal information, photos, or messages without their permission. Only take photos or video of other members at club activities when they're okay with it.
- 5 **Look after shared equipment.** Use club devices, lab machines, tools, and practice locks carefully, and return them when you're done.
- 6 **Follow the rules of the places we visit.** At events and conferences, follow the organizers' code of conduct and stay with the group unless a coach says otherwise.
- 7 **Speak up.** If something doesn't feel right, tell a coach or club leader. You won't get in trouble for raising a concern in good faith.

Members

- Follow the **Acceptable-Use Guidelines** at all times, including outside meetings.
- Listen to coaches and student leaders during labs, especially about safety and scope.

- Ask for help when you're stuck, and help others when you can. Peer teaching is part of how the club works.
- Be honest about your work. In competitions, follow the rules and don't share answers when that isn't allowed.

Coaches, volunteers, and guest speakers

- Adult coaches lead and supervise every meeting.
- Keep communication with members in club channels, and keep parents or guardians informed about meetings and events.
- Model the ethical, defensive approach to security we teach, and stay within the club's lab environments.
- Protect student privacy. Don't post student photos or details without permission.
- Report any concern about a student's safety or well-being to club leadership right away.

Reporting a concern

Talk to any coach or club leader at a meeting, or use the contact details on the club website. Parents and guardians are always welcome to raise concerns too. We'll listen, keep things as private as we can, and follow up.

Email: info@southoccyberclub.com

If the code isn't followed

Most issues are solved with a friendly reminder. For more serious or repeated problems, club leadership may take further steps depending on what happened:

- A private conversation with the member, and with their parent or guardian
- Losing access to certain activities, labs, or events
- Suspension or removal from the club

Anything that puts someone's safety at risk or breaks the law may be reported to parents, guardians, or the appropriate authorities.

Agreement

I have read the South OC Cyber Club Code of Conduct and agree to follow it.

Members agree to this code in the online club application. Parents and guardians confirm they've reviewed it with their student in the online consent form. There's nothing to sign on paper.