

# ACM Programming Contest Practice Schedule

## Wednesday November 2nd 2011 at the University of Illinois Chicago

**Note:** The following is a modification of the generic test schedule published by ACM, customized for UIC, and further modified for the practice contest. Most times are somewhat approximate, depending on the resolution of any difficulties that may arise, but we will endeavor to keep the actual competition on schedule.

**4:45 - 5:00 pm:** *Setup*

All volunteers should be on hand to make sure everything is set up and ready. If any students are using the labs, they need to be notified that the labs will be shut down for the practice contest from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. ( The computers will be unavailable for normal use, because the network connections will be disabled for the contest. )

**5:00 pm - 5:15 pm:** *Arrival and Check-In*

Contestants arrive and sign in. Those competing on Saturday are expected to practice with their teams. Anyone else who wishes to compete is welcome. Teams will be formed on an ad-hoc impromptu basis, or students may arrange their practice teams ahead of time.

**5:00 pm - 5:45 pm:** *Warmups*

A warmup contest will be set up to give contestants ( and judges ) a chance to practice using the local contest environment. Contestants should practice submitting both good and bad solutions, as well as requests for clarifications and practice printing.

**5:45 pm - 6:00 pm:** *Pizza Break, either sponsored by ACM or everyone pitch in, TBD.*

The computer labs will be vacated and all accounts wiped out and reset during this break.

**5:55 pm:** *To Your Stations*

Teams report to their workstations and coaches report to the judging area. Sealed contest questions and necessary contest materials (forms, disks, manuals, etc.) are distributed to the teams at 5:59pm.

**6:00pm:** *Contest Begins*

Let the joy commence.

**8:15pm:** *15-Minute Warning*

Contestants are notified that the contest will end in 15 minutes. No more results will be publicly posted after this time.

**8:30pm:** *Contest Ends*

No further submissions or dialogue requests are accepted.

**8:30pm - 9:00pm:** *Site Results and Cleanup*

Practice Contest winners will be announced, prizes ( if available ) will be awarded, and everyone will be congratulated for their efforts. The lab and lounge area must be cleaned up and returned to the normal state in preparation for classes the next day. Site directors may have final instructions to prepare staff and contestants for the real contest on Saturday.