

## Organizational Structure

The PRCCDC is run as a team effort and, generally, by consensus. To get things done, it takes a village—and this is a diverse village with a multitude of talents.

Dr. Barbara Endicott-Popovsky began this as an informal exercise; it has since grown into what it is today. She has since stepped down as director and has moved on to other things, but this idea for the region has flourished. The core team evolved over the years, and is now referred to as the Gold Team. It and the other teams are detailed below:

- The Gold Team is the organizing team (Amelia Phillips, Corrinne Sande, Don McLane and Ryan Beckstead). The Gold Team are the hub that the other wheels grow out of as seen in Figure 1. They manage the budget, organize the event, and see to the grand scheme of things. If there is a complaint during the event that cannot be handled by the White Team, the Gold Team has final say.
- The White Team is headed by Eric Garay who is now a faculty member and was a member of the first cohort of the applied bachelor's students in cybersecurity and forensics from Highline College. The core White Team create and build the networks the competing students will have to defend. They are also the score keepers during the event. The other part of the White Team is comprised of volunteers, who serve as team judges for the event.
- The Black Team is the infrastructural team and is headed by Kurt Giessel, CISO of Highline College. Along with Kurt, Mark Wynne, Kyle Evans, Kip Wanzer, and Justin Pedersen deal with the physical workstations and routers as well as the virtual and cloud environments of the competition.

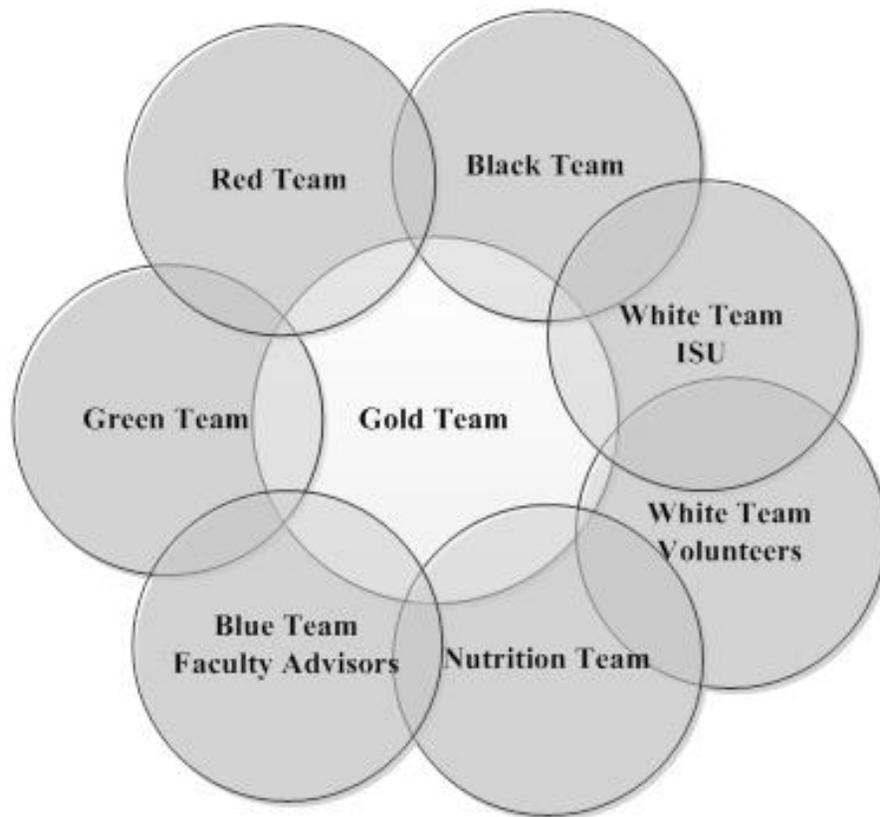


Figure 1 – PRCCDC Structure

- The Red Team is composed of the penetration testers who keep the competitors jumping through hoops during the competition. They are headed by Chris Nickerson of Lars Consulting. The objective is not to disable the networks, but to set things up so as to create a learning environment for the students.
- The Green Team is for fundraising. Officially headed by Dr. Lisa Skari of the Highline College Foundation, the foundation leads of other schools join in.
- The Blue Team Faculty Advisors helps keep both new and seasoned faculty aware of the rules, how to train their students, and the available resources. The Blue Teams are the student competitors.
- The Nutrition Team helps the Gold Team select the meals during the event so that students have energizing and nutritious food available.

Fundraising and planning for the event begins in October of the preceding year. The Gold Team holds weekly conference calls and invites members of the other teams as needed.

