

CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

1. SPONSOR

This contest (the "Contest") is sponsored by F5, Inc., 801 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104 ("Sponsor" or "F5").

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Contest is open to individuals who are:

- Registered attendees of F5 AppWorld 2026 taking place on March 10-12, 2026 (the "Event")
- Registered specifically for the iRules Contest through the official contest registration process
- Physically present in person at the Event venue on the evening of March 10, 2026
- 18 years of age or older as of March 10, 2026
- Legal residents of countries where such contests are permitted by law

IMPORTANT: Both Event registration AND Contest registration are required. You must be registered for the overall Event and separately register for the Contest. Additionally, you must be physically present at the Event venue on March 10, 2026 to submit your entry. Remote or virtual participation does not qualify for Contest entry.

Employees, officers, and directors of Sponsor, its parent companies, affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising and promotion agencies, and members of their immediate families (spouses, parents, children, and siblings and their spouses) and households are not eligible to participate. Additionally, government officials at the federal, state, or local level, as well as individuals affiliated with government owned or government controlled entities, are not eligible to participate due to restrictions on cash prizes and gifts. F5 reserves the right to determine eligibility in its sole discretion, and its determination of eligibility is final. This Contest is not intended to influence any business decision or improperly favor F5. Participants are responsible for ensuring that their participation and acceptance of any prize comply with their organization's rules and required approvals. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Contest.

By participating, entrants agree to be bound by these Official Rules and by F5's Terms of Use located at <https://www.f5.com/company/policies/terms-of-use>, which are incorporated herein by reference.

3. CONTEST PERIOD

Entries must be submitted between 6:00 PM Pacific Time and 11:59 PM Pacific Time on March 10, 2026 (the "Entry Period").

4. HOW TO ENTER

To enter the Contest, you must:

- Be a registered attendee of the Event with valid registration confirmation
- Be registered for the Contest through the official contest registration process
- Be physically present in person at the Event venue on the evening of March 10, 2026
- Submit your entry via the online form at <https://community.f5.com/contest-entry> during the Entry Period (6:00 PM - 11:59 PM Pacific Time on March 10, 2026)
- Complete all required fields in the entry form

In-Person Attendance Required: Entries will only be accepted from individuals who are physically present at the Event venue on March 10, 2026. Virtual or remote attendance does not qualify for entry.

Limit one (1) entry per person/team. Multiple entries from the same individual/team will be disqualified. Entries that do not pass syntax validation on BIG-IP version 21 will be disqualified from the top three prizes.

5. PRIZES

Grand Prize: One (1) winner will receive \$5,000 USD (Approximate Retail Value: \$5,000)

Second Prize: One (1) winner will receive \$2,500 USD (Approximate Retail Value: \$2,500)

Third Prize: One (1) winner will receive \$1,000 USD (Approximate Retail Value: \$1,000)

Category Prizes: Five (5) additional winners will each receive \$300 USD (Approximate Retail Value: \$300 each). These prizes will be awarded based on categories that will be determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion and announced at the time of winner announcement. Categories will not be announced prior to winner selection.

Total Approximate Retail Value of All Prizes: \$10,000 USD

Prizes are non-transferable and no substitution or cash equivalent will be allowed, except at Sponsor's sole discretion. Sponsor reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value if the advertised prize becomes unavailable. All monetary prizes will be awarded in U.S. Dollars.

6. WINNER SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

A total of eight (8) winners will be selected from all eligible entries received during the Entry Period:

- One (1) Grand Prize winner (\$5,000)
- One (1) Second Prize winner (\$2,500)
- One (1) Third Prize winner (\$1,000)
- Five (5) Category Prize winners (\$300 each)

This is a skill-based contest. Odds of winning depend on the number and quality of entries received. Winner(s) will be selected by judging criteria, as determined by Sponsor in its sole discretion, from all eligible entries received during the Entry Period. Winner selection will occur on or about March 11, 2026.

All winners will be announced on March 12, 2026 during general sessions at the Event. The specific categories for the five (5) Category Prizes will be announced at the time of winner announcement. Winners will also be notified via the email address provided in their entry within 48 hours of winner selection.

Each potential winner will be required to respond to notification within seven days. Failure to respond within the specified time period may result in forfeiture of the prize and selection of an alternate winner.

7. PRIZE CLAIM

Before receiving any prize, winners must:

- Execute and return an Affidavit of Eligibility, Liability Release, and (where legal) Publicity Release within the time period specified in winner notification
- Provide valid government-issued photo identification
- Comply with all applicable tax requirements

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in disqualification and selection of an alternate winner.

8. TAXES

All federal, state, local, and other taxes on prizes and any other costs and expenses associated with prize acceptance and use not specified herein as being provided are the sole responsibility of the winner. Winners will receive an IRS Form 1099 for the value of their prize if required by law.

9. LICENSES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

By entering the Contest, you grant F5 and its affiliated companies, agents, and necessary sublicensees permission to use your submission (if applicable) in connection with its businesses, including the rights to copy, distribute, transmit, publicly display, publicly perform, reproduce, edit, modify, create derivative works, translate and reformat your submission, and to publish your name in connection with your submission.

No compensation will be paid with respect to the use of your submission and/or the rights granted by you above. F5 is under no obligation to use any submission and may remove any submission at any time in F5's sole discretion.

You warrant and represent that you own or otherwise control all rights to your submission, including all rights necessary to provide, post, upload, input, or submit the submission.

10. GENERAL CONDITIONS

F5 reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, terminate, modify, or suspend the Contest for any reason, including if any virus, bug, non-authorized human intervention, fraud, or other cause beyond F5's control corrupts or affects the administration, security, fairness, or proper conduct of the Contest.

F5 reserves the right to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process or the operation of the Contest, or who acts in violation of these Official Rules or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner.

Any attempt to deliberately damage any website, including <https://community.f5.com>, or undermine the legitimate operation of the Contest may be a violation of criminal and civil laws. Should such an attempt be made, F5 reserves the right to seek damages and other remedies to the fullest extent permitted by law.

11. RELEASE AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

THE MATERIALS AND SERVICES MADE AVAILABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS CONTEST ARE PROVIDED BY F5 ON AN "AS IS" BASIS. TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY APPLICABLE LAW, F5 DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

By participating, entrants agree to release and hold harmless F5, its parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, advertising and promotion agencies, and their respective officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the Contest or any prize won.

TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY APPLICABLE LAW, F5 WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES OF ANY KIND ARISING FROM PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONTEST OR ACCEPTANCE OR USE OF ANY PRIZE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, SPECIAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, EVEN IF F5 HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF DAMAGES.

12. PRIVACY

Information collected from entrants is subject to F5's Privacy Policy available at <https://www.f5.com/company/policies/privacy-notice>.

13. DISPUTES AND GOVERNING LAW

This Contest is governed by the laws of the State of Washington, United States, without giving effect to any principles of conflicts of laws. By entering, you consent to accept these Official Rules under the laws of the State of Washington.

Any disputes arising out of this Contest will be resolved in the state or federal courts located in King County, Washington, and entrants consent to the jurisdiction of such courts.

14. WINNER LIST

For the names of winners, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: F5 Contest Winners, F5, Inc., 801 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104. Requests must be received by F5 within thirty (30) days after the winner announcement date.

15. CONTACT

For questions about the Contest, contact: devcentral@f5.com

These Official Rules incorporate and are subject to F5's Terms of Use available at <https://www.f5.com/company/policies/terms-of-use>. In the event of any conflict between these Official Rules and the Terms of Use, these Official Rules shall control.