



SOCCER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

IMPORTANT FIRST:

You must order (early) your Soccer Challenge kit from Supreme's Supplies Online address. The Councils will receive posters, certificates, forms, etc. NOTE: This must be done via e-mail as USPS and phone orders are no longer accepted!

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14 inclusive. Age eligibility is to be determined by the age of the contestant as of September 1.

*NOTE: The WIAA has ruled as of 2015 that all 14-year-olds can compete in this contest regardless of whether they are on a high school freshman, JV or varsity team! See WIAA rules (III D).

ENTRIES:

In order to be eligible for competition, all entrants must register with a Knights of Columbus Council prior to beginning the competition. All applications must be made on the official entry form. Proof of age must accompany all applications.

PARTICIPATION:

All boys and girls in the 9 to 14-year-old age groups who have completed an official entry form and supplied proof of age are eligible to participate. Each age group will compete only among themselves. There will be no competition among contestants outside their respective age groups. Entrants may compete in only one council competition.

CATEGORIES:

There will be four separate levels of competition. These are as follows: Council, Diocesan (Regional), State and International. It is the responsibility of the State Officials to inform every participating Council as to the dates, times, and locations of the Diocesan and State Competitions. State scores will be used to determine International winners. No International shoot-offs will be conducted.

PROGRESSION:

Soccer Challenge

COUNCIL: Council competition may be held on any local outdoor sports field with the proper goal setup approved by and under the supervision of the Community Director and other certified Supreme Child Safety Trained Council personnel of a participating Knights of Columbus Council. Participation certificates are provided by the Supreme Council for presentation to all entrants. Results must be forwarded by the Council with all pertinent information to the Diocesan Program Coordinator. Council report forms are to be filed with the Diocesan Program Coordinator and the State Forms address. Supreme report forms are to be sent to Supreme and State Forms address. The **First Place** winner in each age group at the Council level of competition should also be awarded the certificates provided by the Supreme Council and will advance to the Diocesan (Regional) level of competition. Suitable awards should be supplied by the local Council (ribbons, medals, plaques, trophies, etc..

KICKING PROCEDURE

Contestants should be permitted as many warm up kicks as they deem necessary prior to the start of the competition. After competition begins and unless there is an unusual delay for any reason, (net problems, changing to another goal, etc.) participants are not permitted warm up kicks other than the practice kicks. If any unusual circumstances not covered in the rules arise, an equitable decision must be reached by the director of that particular competition.

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Council Level: Each contestant will be allowed three (3) practice kicks followed by fifteen (15) consecutive kicking attempts in groups of 5 kicks each from the 12-yard penalty line.

Diocesan (Regional) Level: Each contestant will be allowed three (3) practice kicks followed by twenty-five (25) consecutive kicking attempts in groups of 5 kicks each from the 12-yard penalty line.

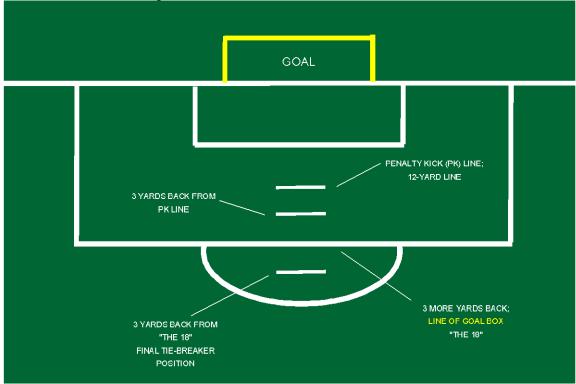
State Level: Each contestant will be allowed three (3) practice kicks followed by twenty-five (25) consecutive kicking attempts <u>in groups of 5 kicks each</u> from the 12-yard penalty line.

Note: Normal rules of soccer regarding penalty kick apply for all levels of competition. Penalty kick violations include stepping on or over the line prior to the kick, and any contact made with the ball counts as a kick.

Tie Breaker: In the event a tie-breaker is necessary at any level of competition, it should be conducted as follows: each contestant will be given three kicks from a position three (3) yards behind the penalty kick line until one of the contestants either outscores the other or one of them misses. If they are still tied, the players will be given three more kicks six yards behind the penalty line (line of goal box; known as "the 18"). If they still remain tied, the players will be given three more kicks nine yards behind the penalty line. If they are still tied, the players are to remain at this position (given three kicks consecutively) until the tie is finally broken.

SOCCER CHALLENGE DIAGRAM

Below is a diagram of where the contestants will take their kicks from.



DIOCESAN: The Diocesan (Regional) Championships may be held on any local outdoor sports field with the proper goal setup approved by and under the supervision of the Diocesan Program Coordinator. Results must be forwarded by the Diocesan Program Coordinator with all pertinent information to the State Youth Athletics Coordinator. Results include report forms and the score sheets from the Diocesan Contest. The **First and Second Place** winners in each age group at the Diocesan (Regional) level of competition will advance to the State level of competition. Awards will be supplied by the State Council.

STATE: State Championship competition may be held on any local outdoor sports field with the proper goal setup approved by and under the supervision of the State Youth Athletics Coordinator, State Program Director and a participating Knights of Columbus Council. Results must be forwarded by the State Youth Athletics Coordinator and State Program Director to the Supreme Department of Fraternal Services on their forms. These reports will automatically constitute the entry of all Wisconsin State winners in the International competition. Awards will be supplied by the State.

INTERNATIONAL: International winners are decided by the Supreme Council on the basis of scores achieved in the State Competition. Engraved awards will be supplied by the Supreme Council to the International winners.

NOTE: In the event that a winner in any level cannot participate in the next level of competition, the second or third place winner should represent the area for that age group.

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Goal Setup

AGE SPECIFICATIONS

Age 9, 10 and 11 (Boys and Girls Competitions):

Use a regulation-size soccer ball (size #4) and shoot 12 yards from the goal.

Age 12, 13 and 14 (Boys and Girls Competitions):

Use a regulation-size soccer ball (size #5) and shoot 12 yards from the goal.

AWARDS

Council Level – Each participating council should provide suitable awards (eg. medals, plaques, trophies, certificates, etc.) to the winners. Monetary awards are <u>not</u> permitted! In addition, the Supreme Council furnishes, without cost, certificates for all participants in the competition as well as certificates for the Council Level winners.

Diocesan (Regional) and State Levels – The State Council will provide the First, Second and Third place winners with certificates, medals and trophies. Cash prizes, gift cards or bonds must not be awarded since this may impair the amateur status of the contestants.

JUDGES/SCORERS/BALL CATHCERS:

Judges, scores, ball catchers will be determined by the Grand Knight at the Council Level, by the Diocesan Program Coordinator at the Diocesan (Regional) Level and by the State Youth Program Coordinator and State Program Director at the State Level. The recommended minimum is one judge, two scorers, and a ball catcher at each goal. The judge will ensure that each participant receives fifteen (15) shots on goal and will point out any kicking violations. All questions will be resolved by the judges and Soccer Challenge chairman. Scorers should refer to the scoring instructions included on the entry form/score sheets.

NOTE: In order to run the competition at any level, the host Council MUST be Child Safety Training Compliant with at least 2 trained members, 1 with a background check present at all times!

TIMELINE:

Council Contests: July 1-October 2, 2022 or March 1-May 24, 2023

Results to Diocesan Program Coordinators by October (if run in fall), May 31 (if run in spring)

Diocesan (Regional) Contests (to be held if sufficient participation warrants): October (fall) or June (spring)

Results to State Youth Activities Coordinator by October 26 (fall), June (spring)

State Contests: October 29, 2022 (Regis High School, Eau Claire) and June 2023 (Madison) – registration/practice 10-11:15 AM, competition 11:30 AM

NOTE:

- 1) Provision has been made to run the Soccer Challenge at the Council Level in either fall 2021 or spring 2023. Diocesan (regional) and State competitions will be held if participation warrants. If not, Diocesan and State winners will be decided by the State Athletics and Program Directors based on the scores of competitions at the local level. Councils are strongly urged to implement a spring Soccer program for 2023 and beyond! Evaluation will again be done on the Soccer program in summer 2023. If participation does not significantly increase, the State may suspend support for the program at Diocesan and State levels. Councils can still run local contests on their own.
- 2) An athlete may compete in both the Punt, Pass and Kick and Soccer competitions at the council level. However, he/she may only compete in 1 contest at the Diocesan and State levels since they are run simultaneously at those 2 levels. The only exception is if Diocesan and State contests are run at different sites/times/dates.
- 3) An athlete can only compete in 1 local contest per year not both spring and fall competitions.

TRAVEL CARDS:

<u>All</u> winners advancing to the Diocesan (Regional) level of competition must receive a <u>green</u> travel card from their Council Contest Coordinator. Alternates should also receive one if they are going to compete. They <u>must</u> have these in their possession to register and compete at that level! <u>All</u> travel cards <u>must</u> be <u>completely</u>, <u>accurately and legibly</u> filled out by the Contest Coordinator and competitor, parents before leaving the council competition site. <u>Do not</u> expect the kids, parents to fill them out themselves. Program Chair/phone should be the person who ran the contest they've just competed in. <u>Be sure to circle</u> all the proper information at the bottom of the card.

NOTE: For fall contest winners, travel cards will be sent to them in the spring for the Diocesan Contests.

For Diocesan (Regional) winners, the same instructions apply except that 1st and 2nd place winners advance. This should be an orange card that says "State only" at the bottom under "Competition Level." Diocesan Program Coordinators and parents/athlete should fill it out. Travel cards may be obtained from District Deputies, Diocesan Program Coordinators, State Youth Athletics Coordinator or State Office.

SAMPLE LETTER (Please adjust for your own procedures for running the contest that work best for you.)

Date:
Dear Principal: Dear Coach:
(<i>Name of Council</i>) in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Knights of Columbus invite all your boys and girls ages 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 to participate in our Soccer Challenge.
The contest will be held on (date) at (place) at (time).
I have enclosed entry forms and rules, which cover the contest. There are no fees for any child entering the contest and no equipment such as uniforms or balls are required. Our organization will provide all equipment needed.
All participants should take note of the deadline for mailing (e-mailing) back entry forms. They must be in my hands no later than (<i>date</i>). This is necessary to schedule entries and sufficient time to contact the contestants. It is important that if returning entry forms by USPS that you include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, so that we may send the time schedules back to each of you.
Please feel free to call if you have any questions that may not be covered in the enclosed information sheet.
Respectfully,
(Name) (Address) (Phone) (E-mail)

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Soccer Challenge

Wisconsin State Council



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SOCCER CHALLENGE REPORT FORM

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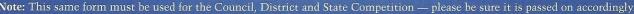
Please file this form listing the winners in each age group with their parent or guardian release form.

NOTE: File separate sheet for Boys and Girls

Grand Knights are to submit their Council winners on this form to your Diocesan Program Director

Diocesan Program Directors are to subn	nit the Diocesan winners, FIRST and SECOND place in each	age group to the State
Director. (File separate sheets for first and	d second place.)	
Signature:	Grand Knight or Program Chairman	Date

SOCCER CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM & SCORE SHEET





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Boys	Girls		AGE:	10	11	12	13	14
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City		State/Province		Postal C	ode	2		
Telepho	ne	Signature of Entrant						

2. This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian:

The undersigned hereby request and approve entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agree; that the entrant's and the undersigned and without liability to Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and any of its subordinate units and their officers, members, agents and employees, all of whom the undersigned hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to entrant's said participation. The entrant may compete in only one council level competition.

Witness	Father/guardian	Date signed	Mother/guardian

3. This Section To Be Completed By K of C Officials:

SCORE SHEET

SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: Each contestant will be allowed 15 consecutive penalty kicks in **council** competition and 25 consecutive penalty kicks in **all other levels**. Indicate number of kicks "made" by checking of boxes in first column. Those tied for highest score will compete in successive rounds each being allowed 3 kicks until one contestant emerges as winner. Use other columns to indicate scores in "tie-breaker" rounds.

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COMPETITION	PENALTY KICKS (Shots made)	TIE-BREAKER ROUND	TOTALS			
Council:	5 pts:					
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