

# ONTARIO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## 2018 Soccer Challenge Information Package



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## OVERVIEW

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate their skills in the penalty kick. The competition is open to all children ages 9-14, where each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line, 12 yards from the goal. Winners progress to the district, regional, state and international levels. This can be promoted through schools, Columbian Squires' Circles and Catholic Youth Organizations, hence giving us an opportunity to introduce our Order into our community.

Knights of Columbus Supreme Youth Programs produces an excellent 16 page Guideline document that is available at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/service/youth/soccer/soccerguide.pdf> It covers specific instructions on

- a. scoring: including measurements of scoring targets,
- b. Judges,
- c. Regulations including measurements of scoring targets,
- d. Eligibility.
- e. Field Equipment: including ball sizes in relation to ages.
- f. Competition levels, council, district, region/zone, state and international,
- g. thorough advice on council competitions including ordering of supplies, event insurance, event promotion, sample press releases, sample announcements

Similar guidelines are available for District and Regional level activities. You are encouraged to review this thoroughly in planning your competition.

## ONTARIO JURISDICTION ADAPTATION

For Ontario we recognize the significant differences in weather and facilities in our vast geographic area. Some communities promote soccer as a spring activity, some as a fall activity and others have very active winter indoor programs. You are encouraged to adopt the timing that works best in your jurisdiction that will promote maximum opportunity for success. If the competition is conducted in the winter/spring time frame in can not be repeated in the summer/fall time-frame. Councils must select a certain period and conduct all their competitions within that defined time in order to give all their participants similar conditions.

## SUGGEST TIME FRAMES

This competition is adaptable depending on location weather and or facilities. Some Councils may prefer a winter/spring competition while others a summer/fall. Thus deadlines are presented in reverse order.

**The State deadline to receive entries is 11:59PM 16 November 2018.** Entries can be mailed, hand delivered or scanned and e-mailed but must reach the State Chairman by the deadline. Contact information is available on this document cover page.

**State Winner Cross Referral.** Winning entries will be cross referenced with council 365 submissions and Safe environment certifications to ensure the Council has declared a youth program coordinator and that the leader is properly certified. Council failings will result in entry disqualification. This should be happening at all levels of review.

**Each Regional/ Zone Level** is responsible to establish a deadline that permits all Districts and Councils within in their jurisdiction to complete the competition. If in doubt 4 November 2018 is recommended in order to permit transmission of winning entries to the State Chairman. Be certain to clearly communicate your deadline that permits all councils to participate

**District Level.** District Deputies are responsible to establish a deadline that permits all Councils to complete their competitions in accordance with local conditions. Recommend not later than 16 October 2018 for the summer/fall timeframe and 15 June 2018 for the Winter/Spring timeframe.

**Council Level.** Grand Knight shall ensure a certified safe environment leader is present for all council competitions. Council to work with the schools, soccer clubs, and other youth organizations to provide maximum opportunity for youth in your area to participate.

## **Responsibilities**

### ***1) Council Level:***

Every council should order their kits from Supreme.

Councils should complete their Council Competition in either the timeframe that best suites their local conditions, January to June or July to October but will not conduct multiple competitions across the whole year.

Ensure a certified safe environment youth leader is present for all council competitions

Complete the Soccer Participation Report form, (include your school competitions numbers with council numbers) This should be submitted immediately following the close of council competition but not later than 1 December 2018.

### ***District Level:***

District Deputies to complete their Soccer Competition not later than **19 October 2018** but may be much earlier depending on the council completion dates.

Coordinate with your Councils well in advance and clearly establish the date, time and place of the District Competition.

District Deputies will ensure a a certified safe environment youth leader is present from at least one participating council

Please ensure all the Participant forms submitted have the correct information before these forms are given to the Regional Chairmen - their contact information is included in this package where permission to publish has been given or obtained from the State Chairman.

### ***Regional /Zone Level***

The Regional Soccer Competitions should be completed by **3 November 2018** but may be much earlier depending on the district completion dates.

Coordinate with your District Deputies well in advance and clearly establish the date, time and place of the Regional Competition.

Regional Soccer Chairmen should submit their winning participation forms to the State Soccer Chairman not later than **11:59PM 16 November 2018** , so that the Ontario State Soccer Winners can be determined.

The Ontario Soccer Winners will be sent to Supreme for the International Competition deadline of 30 November 2018

Ontario State Soccer Winners will be announced at the State District Deputy Convention held in early December 2018.

**Each participant must have the Soccer Challenge Entry form (#4578) and the information must include the individual's name, address, entrant signature, parent name and signature or witness, the affiliated Council Number and GK, In addition to the participant's score at each level**

## **LACK of JURISDICTIONAL SUPPORT**

It is expected that all Regions have a Soccer Chairman and is conducting either a regional competition or at minimum is receiving all District forms and will determine by paper review a single entry in each category to be selected to represent the region at the State level competition. . Should a Region have only one District participating in the Soccer Challenge Program we will not leave the youth disadvantaged due to a lack of jurisdictional support. This circumstance must be identified well in advance (by end September) and with prior coordination and approval by the State Soccer Chairman, the District Deputy will authorized to proceed with a District competition and then be permitted to send the entries direct to the State Chairman but not later than 3 November 2018, which is the recommended Regional Deadline.

There will be some participants who may have physically participated in a Council, District and Regional Kick Off; thus, it is unfair that a Council entry jump straight to State simply because the District and Region/Zone don't run a Soccer Program. Hence all effort will be given to ensure an entry that reaches State has involved at least two levels of actual Kick Off participation.

Knowing that this document may be posted on various website the personal contact information of the Regional Soccer Chairmen has purposely not been included on the table Page 5

**Regional Chairmen are requested to confirm their contact information with the State Chairman. Where permission is given contact information will be updated.**

SOCCER CHALLENGE REGIONS		
REGION	AREA	INCLUDES DISTRICTS
1	Windsor - Chatham	10, 16, 21, 23, 39, 51, 76, 88, 115
2A	St Catherines Niagara	6, 7, 8, 26, 60, 62, 64, 67, 83, 100, 109, 113
2B	Kitchener—Owen Sound	28, 35, 55, 69, 105
3	East GTA	5, 36, 63, 65, 70, 77, 87, 90, 95, 107, 108, 111
4A	North GTA and Simcoe	19, 33, 50, 86
4B	North and West GTA	24, 27, 43, 53, 89, 91, 94, 96, 99, 102, 106, 110, 114
5	Kingston Area	3, 20, 30, 57, 73, 93
6	North Bay, Parry Sound and Muskoka	25, 47, 56, 59
7	Timmins Area	11, 18, 52, 71
8	Thunder Bay and Northern Lake Superior	14, 45, 112
9	West North West Thunder Bay	15, 37
10	Greater Sudbury	13, 41, 74, 80
11	Greater Ottawa and Pembroke	1, 2, 17, 42, 44, 54, 58, 66, 78, 79, 85, 92, 98, 101
12	London Sarnia	9, 22, 31, 40, 49, 61, 68, 72, 84, 104
13	Cornwall	32, 75, 81
14	Hearst	12, 46
15	Peterborough	4, 29, 48, 82, 97
16	Greater Sault Ste Marie	34, 38

Don't know who your regional chairman is? Contact State Chairman for details.