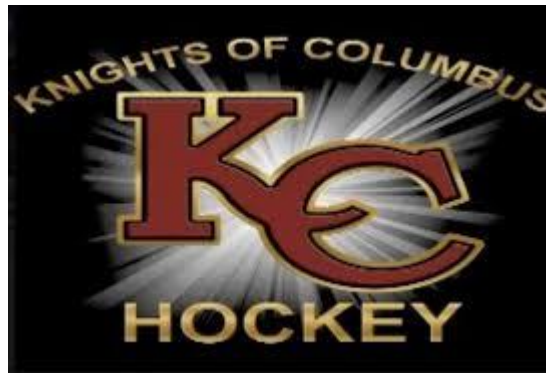


ONTARIO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Hockey Challenge Information Package



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OVERVIEW

The Ontario Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate their shooting skills in scoring hockey goals. The competition is open to all children ages 12-17. Children under 12 are welcome but compete at the age 12 level. Each player will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the shot line. Winners progress to the district, regional and state competitions. This can be promoted through schools, Columbian Squires' Circles, Catholic Youth Organizations, Special Olympic Chapters or other community organizations and events hence giving us an opportunity to introduce our Order into a large community. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1st in the competition fraternal year. (January 1, 2021 for 2020-2021 Fraternal Year). Proof of age is required.

The net will be divided into five scoring zones. The upper corners of the goal will be designated as 20 point zones. The lower corners will be designated as 10 point zones and the "five hole" is a five point zone. See instructions later in the guide on how to construct a score board with the five scoring zones. Allow no more than 3 practice or warm-up shots. Each participant will be given 15 shots. Points will be awarded depending upon the area of the scoring zones through which the puck or ball passes. Shot violations will include stepping on or over the shot line prior to the shot. Any contact made with the puck/ball counts as a shot. Scorers should record shots made and missed according to the instructions on the entry form/score sheet. All scores should be verified before the next contestant is allowed to shoot. Judges and scorers are given final authority in verifying all scores and violations.

Entry Form: The entry form is included later in this guide. It must be fully completed to ensure youth and parental consent, and to be eligible for State level awards. Incomplete forms should be considered grounds for disqualification.

Participation Form: After the event has been conducted, Councils are requested to complete and submit the Participation Form found later in this guide, in order that Ontario State can assess and report on the success of this competition.

Equipment.

To ensure maximum access to this competition at the council level, this may be done indoors or outdoors and can be held in a gym, local park, ice rink or another location facility approved by and under the supervision of a participating Knights of Columbus council. Ice hockey sticks, street hockey sticks, or gym floor hockey sticks may be used. Youth participants are encouraged to provide their own hockey stick. Ice hockey puck, street hockey puck or gym floor hockey puck or ball may be used. The only stipulation is that everyone competing at the council level has the same conditions and equipment to ensure a fair competition. The scoring board can be placed in front of an actual hockey net, or simply stood against the wall. For ease of transportation it is suggested that the scoring board be hinged in the middle. The shot line will be 3 metres from the front of the scoring board. Although the youth may shoot from anywhere along the shot line they may not cross the line in the act of shooting. The stick may cross the line as part of the follow-through but the puck or ball must have already been struck.

For the District and Regional competitions. The same equipment and conditions must be available for all participants although these may be different from the council level competition.

Categories.

The age categories are 13 and under, 14-15, and 16-17. If a council wishes to conduct competitions at lower ages they are welcome to do so for local prize consideration but these youth will be considered part of age "13 and under" for District and higher level competition awards.

Girls and boys will compete together in the age categories. A separate Special Olympian Category may be considered by the Council, District and Regional Chairman but will remain unisex.

Insurance. Insurance and liability considerations should be accessed in the same manner as other youth competitions or youth events.

SUGGESTED TIME FRAMES

The State deadline to receive entries is April 30, 2021. Entries can be mailed, hand delivered or scanned and emailed 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 officer information to ensure that a valid Safe Environment certification is in force for the Council sponsoring the youth. Council failings will result in entry disqualification. This should be happening at all levels of review.

Each Regional Level is responsible to establish a deadline that permits all Districts and Councils within in their jurisdiction to complete the competition. A suggested deadline of April 10,2021 is recommended to allow time for submission 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 deadline is no later than March 31, 2021.

Council Level. Consider a September/October timeframe if running the Hockey Challenge as an outdoor event. In any case, Councils should plan on completing their Hockey Challenge event by March 15, 2021. The Grand Knight shall ensure a certified safe environment leader is present for all council competitions. Councils should work with the schools, hockey clubs, and other youth organizations to provide maximum opportunity for youth in your area to participate.

Responsibilities

1) Council Level:

Organize and host the events. Deadline for council events should be established in coordination with the District Deputy but not later than March 31, 2021.

Ensure a certified safe environment Family or Community Director is present for all council competitions. Complete the Hockey Participation Report form, (include your school competitions numbers with council numbers) This should be submitted immediately following the close of council competition

2) District Level:

District Deputies to host their Hockey Competition not later than March 31, 2021 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 can be obtained from the State Chairman. (VOLUNTEERS WELCOME)

3)Regional Level

The Regional Hockey Competitions should be completed by April 10, 2021 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 Hockey Chairmen should submit their winning participation forms to the State Hockey Chairman not later than April 30, 2021, so that the Ontario State Hockey Winners can be determined. Ontario State Hockey Winners will be announced mid May with award presentation to follow.

Each participant must complete the Hockey Challenge Entry form and the information must include the individual's name, address, entrant signature, parent name and signature or witness, the affiliated Council Number, in addition to the participant's score at each level

REGIONAL CHAIRMEN

It is desirable that all Regions will have a willing Knight eager to be the Regional Hockey Chairman and is conducting either a regional competition or at minimum is receiving all District forms and determines by paper review a single entry in each category to be selected to represent the region at the State level competition. If there is no Regional Chairman, the DD can submit winners to the State Chairman for State level competition consideration.

The ability to host a regional event brings the positive advantage of getting youth and Nkights together in sport, camaraderie and unity. Ideally no youth should have to travel more than 90 minutes one way to attend a regional event. Provincial geography may not permit that in some areas. Should a particular District Deputy have a positive reason to attend the event in an adjoining region, please contact Hockey Chairman for approval. Should a particular Region chairman believe it is better to host two or three subregion events that is allowed, but scores will need to be accumulated for a single Regional Award. Should attending a regional event be simply impossible the DD may submit scores for State consideration

Knights willing to serve as Regional Chairmen are requested to contact the State Chairman.

HOCKEY 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

ONTARIO HOCKEY CHALLENGE PARTICIPATION SURVEY

(this form is used by participating councils and submitted following the Council events but not later than April 10, 2021 by email to the State Hockey Chairman)

Council # _____ Location: _____

13 and Under 14 and 15 16 and 17 Total

Certified Safe Environment Knight is: _____

submitted on behalf of the Grand Knight by: _____

Suggestions for improvement (Your suggestion are welcome to improve the program. Should other provinces adopt this challenge their may be future consideration for a Canadian Award or even an international award. But participation matters by youth and by Knights.

THE SCORING BOARD

Recommend a minimum 5/8th inch thick board, for durability (or metric equivalents)

Size 6 feet 6 inches wide by 4 feet high Allow a 2-inch border at the top edge. Allow a 3-inch border at each side.

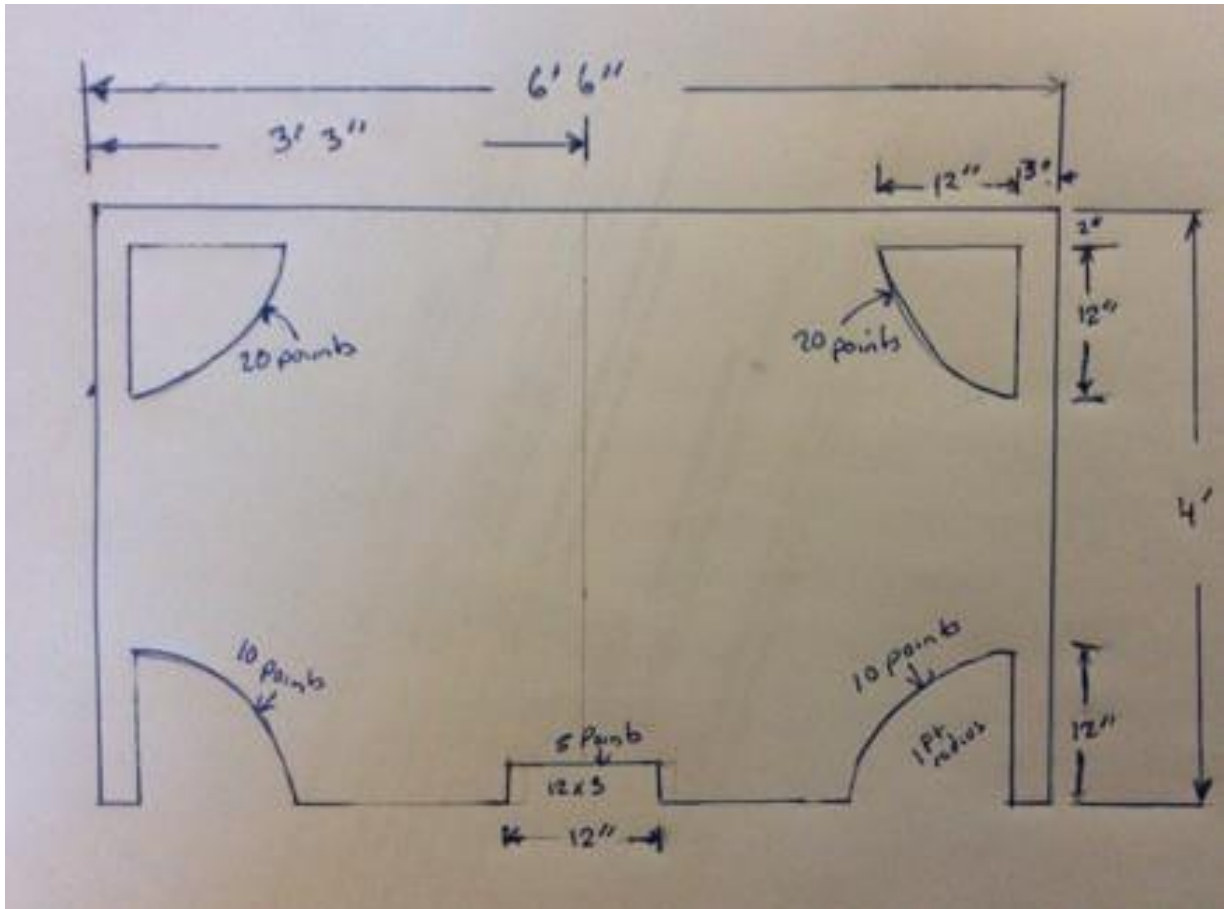
The four pie shaped corner opening are based on a one foot radius The five hole is 3 inches high, 12 inches wide.

If board is hinged in the centre it will make it much easier to transport.

Your local council handyman may have better methods and material but simply ensure that the scoring zones are consistent. The craftsmen among you may want to attach nets to the back of each scoring zone... Can be set in front of a regulation net or simply next to a wall.

The puck/ball must pass completely through opening to count as a goal.

Upper corners count 20 points, lower corners count 10 points, Five hole is 5 points.



Five Steps to a Successful Hockey Challenge

Hockey Competition Guidelines for Council, District & Regional Levels

Before the Event

1) Select the Venue and Book Facilities:

Determine whether you want an outdoor or indoor event. Consider partnering with an existing hockey tournament, event, league, or minor hockey association. Suggestions include:

- Conduct the challenge in local schools during school hours
- Book a gymnasium for after school hours
- Use a parish playground, roped off parking lot, or hall
- Use a room or hall in a local community arena
- Coordinate with a minor hockey association during a tournament or “Hockey Day” celebration
- If your local minor hockey association spans multiple locations served by multiple Councils consider running your event in partnership with your local district Councils
- Coordinate with a street hockey tournament or league in the community

Contact the venue you want to use and book the facility as required for the Competition. For schools determine if you need to book through the School Boards Permit office. Also, ask the permit office about the Ministry of Education Community Use of Schools Grant and if a separate form need to be filled out to obtain a volunteer group discounted rate.

2) Construct your Scoring Board(s)

- Arrange a volunteer to construct your scoring board as described above
- Consider a K of C logo sticker or include your Council name on the board

3) Promote the Event

- -Supply posters to each school and/or venue for display to advertise your competition.
- -Make contact with the teacher who is most likely to run a school competition of this sort (phys. ed teacher, athletic director, classroom teacher, etc.) and provide him or her with the necessary information and materials.
- Contact officials from the town recreation department or local street hockey or minor hockey association to promote the competition among their players.
- If there is a professional, semi-professional or junior hockey franchise in your area, contact its public relations office to see if arrangements can be made to honour winners of your competition between periods, or to donate items as awards or prizes for your champions

4) Organize your volunteers - You'll Need lots of Help!

- 1-2 Brother Knights to register players and organize groups by age categories
- 2 Brother Knights per net as judges and scorers to count and record each shot on the participant form and tally the totals
- 1-2 puck/ball retrievers per net
- Extra helpers to fill in, run forms from registration table to scorers, and anything else that comes up to keep everything running smoothly

The Day of the Competition

5) Set-up

- Set up nets and scoring boards
- Mark the shooting line 3 metres from the net with “no residue” tape
- If competing in a gymnasium or on a similar floor surface, consider using a plywood or plastic shooting platform to avoid marking the floor
- Determine if you are providing juice, water, doughnuts, or refreshments for after the competition and set them up appropriately
- Set up registration tables
- Set up chairs or area for parents to watch the competition

6) When the Participants Arrive

- Have participants or their parents fill out the Entry Form/Score Sheet. Ensure that they check the correct age box, that at least one parent has signed the form and that all the required information such as D.O.B., mailing address, phone number and council number is filled out and legible
- Make sure there are Bro. Knights in the gym during registration and warm-ups to direct participants to the net, and to answer any question they or parents may have.
- Create your participation certificates while the event is happening
- -Make sure they are given full and clear instructions before the competition begins.
- Conduct the event
- Announce the winners, hand out certificates and information on the District competition.
- Have fun!

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LES DIRECTEURS REGIONAUX & LES DISTRICTS DU DÉFI DE HOCKEY

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