



# Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge



## 2024 Ontario State Package

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Hello my Brothers,

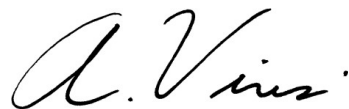
I am happy to announce that I have accepted the State Chairman positions for the Hockey and Soccer Challenge programs for the upcoming 2023-2024 fraternal year. I look forward to working with all the District Deputies and the councils once again.

The last 4 years has been pretty difficult for everyone due to Covid and many of our programs had to be sidelined. Now that we have almost moved on from those difficult years we'd like to slowly start rebuilding all three of our sport activities. Currently I am working on updating the Ontario State packages for both the Hockey and Soccer Challenges that haven't been updated in the last 3-4 years. This package is a slightly modified package just for this year as I work to get it on par with the Free Throw Package.

I want to personally thank all of you who took part in both programs over the last 5 years and those who will be taking part in them again this year. Due to the lack of participation in both programs, even before Covid, I will be removing regional boundaries and the regional level of competition. Until participation increases to a point where the regional level is required, the district level will be the last level of competition before the state level. If there is only one council that participates within a district, then the council winners will be considered the district winners. Councils or District Deputies will scan and email the winning score sheets to the State Chairman and State Winners will be determined on paper.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or our State Community Program Director Bro. Daniel Mainville at [CommunityDirector@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:CommunityDirector@ontariokofc.ca).

Thank you for volunteering your time and efforts in this year's Hockey & Soccer Challenges and I look forward to helping you make these program successful again.



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## GUIDELINES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This program provides an opportunity for our youth 9 to 14 years of age to be engaged in a healthy competitive environment. The participants will have the opportunity to play at the Council and District levels. This can be promoted through schools, Columbian Squires' Circles and CYO (Catholic Youth Organization), hence giving us an opportunity to introduce our Order into our community.

Please find enclosed relevant information, materials and forms for the Soccer Challenge.

### 1) Council Level:

- Every council should order their kits from Supreme in March so they arrive for Spring 2024. You need to have a location and date for your Council Challenge by mid April or late September in order to inform your DD.
- Councils should complete their Soccer Challenge between **April through September 30th, 2024** and submit the Entry/Score Sheets of your Council winners to the District Deputy within 2-3 days after.
- Complete the Participation Report Form (4567) by **September 30th, 2024** and submit it to your District Deputy and State Chairman.

### 2) District Level:

- District Deputies should have their Soccer Challenge event by **mid October, 2024**. You need to have a location and date for the District Challenge by early April so that your councils will have enough time to set up their Free Throws.
- Please ensure that all Entry/Score Sheets of your District Winners are filled out completely and correctly! Please fill out the District Winners Report provided in this package and email it to your State Chairman.
- District Deputies will need to convene the District Challenge Competitions by **mid October, 2024** and have the District Winners Report completed and emailed to **Anthony Viresi by October 31st, 2024** so that the Ontario State Soccer Challenge Winners can be determined and sent to Supreme for the International Competition.
- The Ontario State Winners will be announced at the State Convention in April 2025.

**Each participant must have the Soccer Challenge Entry form (#4578) filled out fully to include the individual's First and Last name, address, entrant signature, parent(s) signature and the affiliated Council Number.**

## **GUIDELINES FOR THE SOCCER CHALLENGE**

- 1) All Kits will now need to be ordered through Supplies Online which can be accessed in the Officers Portal. Please get you GK or FS to order the kits for you.
- 2) These should be ordered in March to be ready for the start of warmer weather.
- 3) Please refer to the Soccer Challenge Playbook (#4576) for the procedures, rules and regulations. They are in each Soccer Kit or at the following web link. <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/soccer-challenge/4576-soccer-challenge-playbook.pdf>
- 4) Each participant must have a completed Soccer Challenge Entry form (#4578). This score sheet is to be used to enter all levels of the competition (one score sheet per contestant for all competitions), should be completed with all the relevant information and the **age is determined as of September 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- 5) Please inform all the participants' parents or guardians that they must be present throughout all levels of competition that their child is competing in!
- 6) All scores should be verified before the next contestant is allowed to shoot. The use of videotape recording to resolve the scoring totals is not suggested. **Judges and scorers are given final authority in verifying all scoring and violations.**
- 7) If the champion of a level cannot attend the next level, they forfeit and the 2nd place winner can go on to compete in their place. Try to determine this at the end of your competition or shortly after.
- 8) **ALL LEVELS OF COMPETITION MUST HAVE A MEMBER VOLUNTEERING WHO IS THE FAMILY OR COMMUNITY DIRECTOR OF A COUNCIL WHO HAS COMPLETED THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM AND HAS A BACKGROUND CHECK THROUGH SUPREME! ALL SOCCER CHAIRMEN AT ALL 2 LEVELS OF COMPETITION MUST COMPLETE THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM AND HAVE A BACKGROUND CHECK! ALL MEMBERS VOLUNTEERING AT A COMPETITION MUST HAVE A BACKGROUND CHECK ON FILE WITH THE GK/FS AND CAN ALSO COMPLETE THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM! The background checks should be no older than 3 years from the date of the competition.**
- 9) Councils should complete their Soccer Challenge between **April through September 30th, 2024**. The Grand Knight or the Council Soccer Chairman will complete the Participation Report Form 4567 **by September 30th, 2024**.  
**Please include in the Council Total the total number of participants from each school, as this increases our State Soccer participation.**  
**THE 4567 MUST BE EMAILED TO YOUR DISTRICT DEPUTY AND TO THE STATE CHAIRMAN ANTHONY VIRESI.** The Soccer Challenge Chairman will give the list of winners to the District Deputy and will ensure all the Entry Forms include the respective council number and the name of the school the participant attends.
- 10) The District Deputy will advise all his councils well in advance, of the date, time and place of the District Soccer Challenge Competition, as this will need to be completed by **mid October, 2024**.
- 11) All the Winner's Score Sheets, #4578 need to be submitted to the **State Soccer Challenge Chairman Anthony Viresi, no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. Once I have determined the winners, I will personally inform the GKs and DDs who have State Winners and confirm their attendance at the State Convention.

- 12) The Ontario State Winners will be announced at the State Convention in April 2025. Ontario State Winners ages 9 to 14 will also be sent to Supreme for the International Competition. An official list of the Ontario State winners and finalists will be emailed to all Gks and DDs in April.
- 13) **Awards:** Council - Certificates found in kits, District - Certificates supplied from State Office and medals need to be order by DD, State – Awards to be picked up at State Convention in April by local representative (GK or DD).
- 14) For more information, materials, forms, etc., please visit the Supreme Website at the link below where the Soccer Challenge Program page is located.  
<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab3&icon-tabs=3>

**Let's also show how successful the program can be with the inclusion of High Schools!**

**“Coming together is a Beginning: Keeping together is Progress: Working together is Success!”**

**The Success of this Community Program depends on us all working together as a TEAM!**

## Eligibility and Equipment

### Proof of Age

- Each participant's age is determined as of September 1st.
- Included in this package is an Age Chart to assist at the registration table.
- If a participant arrives to your competition and has competed in the wrong age category in previous levels, please have them compete in the proper category that day. Please explain to the participant why and make the correct age change on their form.
- Through out all levels of competition participants must compete within their own age category or else they cannot participate. **At the State Level, if Score Sheets received indicate that a participant competed in the wrong age category at the District Level, that participant will be disqualified!**

### Soccer Challenge Rules

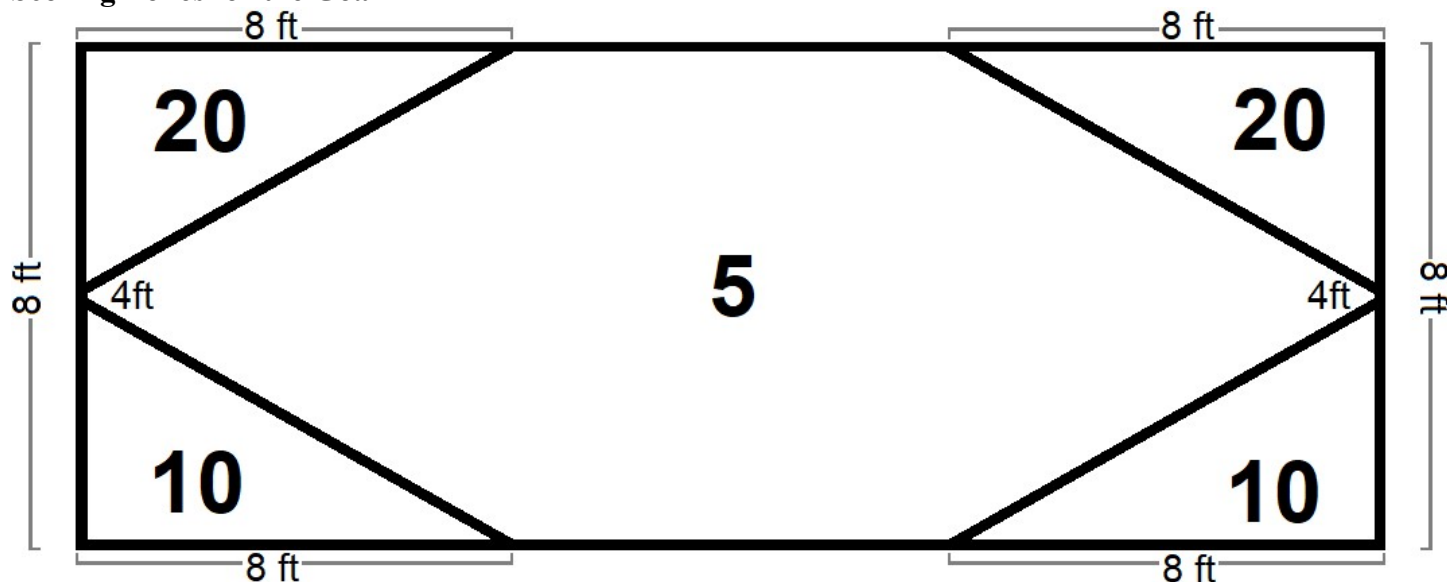
- Each participant will receive 3 practice shots before scoring begins.
- Council Level participants will shoot 15 consecutive shots at the goal.
- District Level participants will shoot 25 consecutive shots at the goal.
- In case of a tie for first place at the Council and District Level, when all the participants in the age category have finished shooting, those who are tied will need to shoot again to break the tie. These participants will shoot in the same order as they did during the competition shooting 3 consecutive shots each, with no warm-ups. Successive rounds will continue until the ties are broken and you have a single winner.

### Soccer Ball Size & Penalty Lines

- 9, 10 & 11 year olds will use a regulation size ball (Size 4) & shoot from the 10 yard foul line.
- 12, 13 & 14 year olds will use a regulation size ball (Size 5) & shoot from the 12 yard foul line.
- When a participant is shooting, their feet must remain behind the line! If the participant's foot falls on the line or past it before the kick is made then the score is zero.
- Any contact made with the ball by the participant after the score keeper indicates they can make their next shot will count as a shot on goal.

**Winning participants must be present at the next competition. If the winner cannot attend the next level, the second place winner can be sent in their place.**

### Scoring Zones for the Goal



# Six Steps to a Successful Soccer Challenge

## Soccer Competition Guidelines for Council & District Levels

### **Before the Event**

#### 1) Booking of the Facilities:

- Contact the school board you want to use and book the field/gym for the Challenge. You may have to confirm with the school first if the field/gym is available on the date you want and then book it 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 for it has to be filled out. This Government Grant gives volunteer groups a discounted rate.
- District Deputies should be booking their fields/gyms no later than early October 2024.
- and Councils between April and late September 2024 if there isn't going to be a District level.
- Make sure when filling out the permits you include the use of change rooms, tables, chairs, and soccer balls.
- Have the same number of tables and chairs for the number of goals you plan to use for the scorers.

#### 2) Informing the Schools

- Supply posters to each school 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.

#### 3) You'll Need lots of Help!

- You'll need 3 Brother Knights per net you plan to use and have 3-5 extra Brothers helping with registration and anything else you may need help with the day of the competition.
- Three Brother Knights are needed at each net, one is score keeping and observing line violation while the other two Brothers are confirming the score for each shot for the score keeper and retrieve the ball.

#### 4) Safe Environment

- Make sure that all members volunteering have background checks on file with their council and that you have a volunteer who is the Family or Community Director of a council who has taken the Safe Environment Program and has a background check with Supreme. You as the Chairman also need to have a background check and complete the online program. See pages 7 to 13 in the State Free Throw Package for more details.

### **The Day of the Competition**

#### 5) Set-up

- Try to have a PA system for announcing and playing music for warm-ups.
- Juice and doughnuts for after the competition.
- Mark the shooting lines accordingly (measured from the goal line) at each net and make sure this is done before the participants show up for registration and warm-up.
- Have at least 6-7 tables for registration with large age signs on them. Have the same amount of Brother Knights, one registering for each age group.

#### 6) When the Participants Arrive

- Have music playing and balls out for warm-ups.
- Only regulation balls provided for the competition should be used.
- 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 on the field or in the gym during registration and warm-ups to direct participants to the net, they are practicing from the correct foul line and to answer any question they or parents may have.
- Make sure they are given full and clear instructions before the competition begins.

# Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge



## Sample Letter to Schools

Dear (Principal/Teacher's Name),

Every year the Knights of Columbus sponsors a Soccer Challenge competition open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 14. This year our Council would like to invite you to participate at the local level by conducting an in-school competition. If a School Level Competition is not possible, all school entries are eligible to participate at the Council Level in a open invitation competition.

Schools which have been involved in the past welcome the competition because it provides an excellent motivational tool to enhance their physical education or extra-curricular programs.

Each child competes within his or her own age and gender category, with the winners advancing to a Council competition in late June/September. All contestants receive a participation certificate and the winners have the opportunity to continue at successive levels of competition. The School Level competition can be conducted at the school's convenience anytime prior to mid January. (Date is chosen by council)

Enclosed you will find posters to help you advertise the event, entry forms, score sheets, and the rules and regulations for Council competition.

I look forward to meeting with you to outline a wonderful opportunity for your students to have fun while taking part in a most worthwhile program.  
Further information regarding contest details may be obtained by contacting me at the following phone #

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Yours truly,

Your Name, Grand Knight  
Council Name and Number

# SOCCER CHALLENGE ENTRY FORM & SCORE SHEET

**Note:** This same form must be used for the Council, District and State Competition — please be sure it is passed on accordingly.



## 1. THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ENTRANT:

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE in the category and age group checked below.  
My eligibility is to be determined by my age as of September 1st.

☐ Boys ☐ Girls AGE: ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

Name of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

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

By signing below, the undersigned requests and approves of the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE ("The Contest"). In consideration for the entrant's participation in the Contest, the undersigned (1) acknowledges that the entrant's participation will be the at the sole risk of the entrant and the undersigned and (2) agrees to release, indemnify and hold the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, its subordinate units, officers, agents members and employees harmless from any and all demands, claims or causes of action arising from or relating to the entrant's participation in the Contest. The undersigned also agree to allow representatives from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council or any of its subordinate units to take and publish photographs or videos of the entrant during the Contest. **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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# PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM

Due By:  
Dec. 1

PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR COUNCIL CONTEST:

AGE GROUPS	9	10	11	12	13	14	TOTALS
BOYS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GIRLS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTALS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



## CONTEST PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM:

Immediately following the local council contest, the grand knight should complete and submit the Soccer Challenge Participation Report Form (4567) to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services. This form provides the Supreme Council office with valuable participation statistics as well as feedback about the program in general.

## PERSONAL COMMENTS OR OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING THE SOCCER CHALLENGE PROGRAM:

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SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Knight

COUNCIL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

STATE/PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_

# Knights of Columbus

## 2024

### Soccer Challenge Competition

### Age Eligibility Chart as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

The date of birth to be eligible to compete within our 9 to 14 year old age groups needs to be Sept. 1st, 2010 or before.

From	To	Year	Age
September 2nd	August 31st	2014-2015	9
September 2nd	August 31st	2013-2014	10
September 2nd	August 31st	2012-2013	11
September 2nd	August 31st	2011-2012	12
September 2nd	August 31st	2010-2011	13
September 2nd	August 31st	2009-2010	14

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