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Hello my Brothers,

I am happy to announce that <u>I am back!!!</u> I have accepted the State Chairman position for the Basketball Free Throw program for the upcoming 2024-2025 fraternal year. Yes, I am also looking over the Hockey and Soccer programs as well. I look forward to working with all the councils once again during this special fraternal year; our 50th year of conducting the Free Throw Program within the State of Ontario.

It's been 5 years now since Covid set everything upside-down and we have been slowly making our way back to the normal that was. I've continued to make changes to the number of regions within Ontario with the amalgamation of another three regions. Starting this year there will only be 10 regions, so please look carefully which Districts fall under which Region now.

I want to personally thank all of you who took part in the Free Throw program last year and to those who will be taking part in it this year. I especially would like to thank all of our Regional Chairmen who have agreed to stay on another year.

I am currently looking for two volunteers to fill in as Co-Regional Chairmen for Region 6 for the Timmins and surrounding area and for the Thunder Bay Area. If you are interested and have experience convening the Knights Free Throw competition, please contact me.

We will continue to include 15 to 17 year olds in our competition throughout all 4 levels within Ontario. All of the forms and reports are available for download from the Free Throw page on the Ontario State website. You will also be able to fill out these PDF files electronically and save the inputted information. This will make it easier for everyone to email completed forms and reports. You can find them at the following web page; https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/youth/free-throw-soccer-challenge/. For participants in the elementary schools you can still use the Kits from Supreme, so please feel free to order them. For participants in your local high schools, please use the reports and materials provided in the updated Package. Your District Deputies and I encourage your council to take advantage of this opportunity to get your local high school kids involved in the Program.

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.

Thank you for volunteering your time and efforts in this year's Free Throw and I look forward to helping you make this program successful.

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RESPONSIBILITIES & GUIDELINES

This program provides an opportunity for our youth 9 to 17 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 Basketball Free Throw.

1) Council Level:

- Every council should order their kits from Supreme in mid August so they arrive in September. The cost for the kits and postage has gone up over the year. You can download what you need from the State Website and print Certificates yourself to save cost.
- You need to have a location and date for your Council Free Throw by mid November so that your schools will have enough time to setup their Free Throws in December or January or if you are having an open invitation, enough time for your council to advertise it.
- Councils should complete their Free Throw Competition by **January 31st**, **2025** and submit the Entry/Score Sheets of your Council winners to the District Deputy within 2-3 days after.
- Complete the Participation Report Form (SO-FT-1) by January 31st, 2025 and submit it to your District Deputy and State Free Throw Chairman. For each school that has a school level competition, please make sure to communicate with them and have them fill out a SO-FT-1(School) Form. This way you can have a grand total as your Council participation.

2) District Level:

- District Deputies should have their Free Throw Competition by **February 23rd**, **2025**. You need to have a location and date for the District Free Throw by early November so that your councils will have enough time to set up their Free Throws in January.
- 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 Regional Chairman at least 2 days before the Regional Competition takes place so they will know who to expect from your District. This is in case something happens and the Chairman doesn't receive your Entry/Score Sheets, they will have the previous scores on the District Winners Report when your winners fill out a new Entry/Score Sheet at the Regional Level.
- Please complete the District Deputy's Participation Report (SO-FT-2), also provided in this package, and email it to **Anthony Viresi by February 28th**, 2025.

3) Regional Level:

- Regional Chairmen will need to a have a location and date for the Regional Free Throws by the end of October so that your Districts will have enough time to set up their Free Throws accordingly. You will need to convene the Regional Free Throw Competitions by March 23rd, 2025 and have the Ontario Regional Winners Report completed and emailed to Anthony Viresi by March 24th, 2025 so that the Ontario State Free Throw 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 Free Throw Championship Entry form (#1598 or SO-1598) 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 BASKETBALL FREE THROW COMPETITION

- 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. Again, everything is available for download.
- 2) Please refer to the Free Throw Championship Playbook (#1928) for the procedures, rules and regulations. They are in each Free Throw Kit or at the following web link below. Please also refer to the **Eligibility and Equipment** portion included in this package. 1928 (kofc.org)
- 3) Each participant must have a completed Free Throw Championship Entry form (#1598 or SO-1598). This score sheet is to be used to enter all levels of the competition, one score sheet per contestant should be completed with all the relevant information and the <u>age is determined as of January 1st</u>. The traditional #1598 that comes with the Supreme Free Throw Kits can be used for elementary school participants while the new SO-1598 provided in this package can be photocopied and used for high school participants.
- 4) Also included in this package is a **School Level Class Entry Form (SO-1598CR)** that can be used for school level competitions. If you have teachers committed to running school level competitions where each school sends 8 -10 winners to your Council Free Throw, this form can be used. It makes the process a lot easier for the teachers and for the council when it comes time to print out participation certificates.
- 5) Pease 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 scores and violations.**
- 7) If the champion of a category 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) If your local schools are conducting School Level competitions, please ensure that your Council gets an accurate count of the numbers of participants from each school. Form SO-FT-1(School) should be filled out by the Athletic Director or the teacher in charge.
- 9) 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 MEMBERS VOLUNTEERING AT A COMPETITION MUST HAVE A BACKGROUND CHECK ON FILE WITH THE GK/FS.
 - The background checks should be <u>no older than 3 years</u> from the date of the competition.

 Currently Supreme has introduced a new Safe Environment Program called Praesidium Academy which is currently only available to Grand Knights, Program Directors and the Family and Community Directors.
- 10) Councils should complete their Free Throw by January 31st, 2025. The Grand Knight or the Council Free Throw Chairman will complete the Free Throw Participation form SO-FT-1 by January 31st. Please include in the Council Total the total number of participants from each school, as this increases our State Free Throw participation. THE SO-FT-1 MUST BE EMAILED TO YOUR DISTRICT DEPUTY AND TO THE STATE CHAIRMAN ANTHONY VIRESI. The Council Free Throw 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.

- 11) The District Deputy will advise all his councils well in advance of the date, time and place of the District Free Throw Competition, as this will need to be completed by **February 23rd**, **2025**. Please also complete the District Deputy's Report (SO-FT-2) and submit it to the State Chairman by **February 28th**, **2025**.
- 12) All the District Free Throw Winner's Score Sheets, #1598 or SO-1598, will be given to the Regional Chairmen on the day of competition. Please ensure that all the Participant forms submitted are filled out correctly and that they are legible. The Regional Chairmen will keep all the Entry Forms after the competition as they may be needed by the State Chairman. The District Deputy will also need to fill out the District Winners Report and email it in advance to their Regional Chairman. Contact information for the Regional Chairmen is included in this package.
- 13) The Regional Chairmen will advise District Deputies in advance the date, time and location of the Regional Competition. If possible, Council Chairmen and District Deputies should be available to assist with the registration and competition at the Regional Level.
- 14) Regional Free Throw Competitions should be completed by March 23rd, 2025. The Ontario Regional Winners Report needs to be sent to the <u>State Free Throw Chairman</u> Anthony Viresi, no later than March 24th, 2025, so the Ontario State Winners can be determined. Once I have determined the winners, I will personally contact the Regional Chairs indicating they have a state winner(s) and will request the Score Sheet of the winning participant(s). I will also personally inform the GKs and DDs who have State Winners and confirm their attendance at the State Convention.
- 15) The Ontario State Winners will be announced at the State Convention in April 2025. Ontario State Free Throw Winners ages 9 to 14 will also be sent to Supreme for the International Competition with final results in April. An official list of the Ontario State winners and finalists will be emailed to all DDs and Regional Chairmen at the beginning of April.
- 16) When determining the top 3 placements at the State level, the scores in each category from all 10 regions are compared to find the highest 3 scores. Often there are ties and this is when the District and even the Council scores are used to break them. It is **IMPERATIVE** that both the DD and Regional Chairman fill out their Winners Report completely, especially with the <u>Council and District scores!</u> Regional winners in a tie for one of the top 3 spots that don't have these 2 other scores will lose out in the tie breaking process.
- 17) **Awards:** Council Certificates found in kits, <u>District</u> Certificates supplied by State Office (District medals need to be ordered by DD), <u>Regional</u> awards supplied by State Chairman. <u>State</u> Awards to be picked up at State Convention in April by local representative (GK or DD).
- 18) If your area does not have a Regional Chairman, please contact your Diocesan Association to appoint one or suggest a brother Knight who would be interested.
- 19) For more information, materials, forms, etc., please visit the Supreme Website at the link below where the Basketball Free Throw Program page is located and you can also go to the Ontario State Website as well. https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab3&icon-tabs=3 https://ontariokofc.ca/programs/youth/free-throw-soccer-challenge/

20) LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE ONTARIO THE HIGHEST IN THE ORDER IN PARTICIPATION!

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 January 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.
- In all three levels of physical competition, participants must compete within the correct age category or else they cannot participate. Participants CAN NOT compete upwards, ie. 13 year olds can't participate in the 14 year old category. At the State Level, if Score Sheets received indicate that a participant competed in the wrong age category that participant will be disqualified!

Free Throws

- At all levels, participants receive 3 warm-up shots before taking their shots that count towards their score.
- Council Level participants shoot 15 consecutive free throws.
- District and Regional Level participants shoot 25 consecutive free throws.
- In case of a tie for first place at the Council and District Level or at the Regional Level for 1st, 2nd or 3rd, when all the participants in the age category have finished shooting, those who are tied for the mentioned places will need to shoot again to break the ties.

These participants will shoot in the same order as they did during the competition shooting 5 consecutive free throws each, with no warm-ups. Successive rounds will continue until the ties are broken and you have a single winner or a single person in each of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place positions.

Basketball Size, Foul Lines, Free Throw Rules

- 9, 10 & 11 year olds will use a women's regulation size ball (Size 6 / 28.5") & shoot from a 12 foot foul line.
- Girls Ages 12 to 17 will use a women's regulation size ball (Size 6 / 28.5") & shoot from the 15 foot foul line.
- Boys Ages 12 to 17 will use a men's regulation size ball (Size 7 / 29.5") & shoot from the 15 foot foul line.
- The baskets should be 10 feet off the ground for all age categories.
- The Foul Line is determined from the backboard of the basket, not from the basket itself.
- When a participant is shooting, their feet must remain behind the line! If the participant's foot or feet fall on the line or past it before the ball hits the rim or backboard, the shot will be counted as a miss.
- If the ball makes contact with the supporting structure that the backboard is attached to or the wall and goes in through the basket, the shot will count as a miss!

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.

Six Steps to a Successful Free Throw

Free Throw Competition Guidelines for Council, District & Regional Levels

Before the Event

1) Booking of the Facilities:

- Contact the school you want to use and book the gym for the Competition. You may have to confirm with the school first if the 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. School Boards will also require proof of liability insurance. Councils with insurance policies will need to contact their provider to obtain a certificate. Councils that don't have liability coverage can obtain it by completing the SO-46 application form. Please call/email Ontario State to ask for the most recent form to fill out.
- Regional Chairs should book their gyms in late October, DDs in early November and Councils in mid November.
- Make sure when filling out the permits you include the use of change rooms, basketballs and the same number of tables and chairs for the number of baskets you plan to use for the scorers.

2) <u>Informing the Schools</u>

- 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 (phys.ed teacher, athletic director, classroom teacher, etc.) and provide them with the necessary information and materials.

3) You'll Need lots of Help!

- You'll need 2 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.
- Two Brother Knights are needed at each net, one is score keeping and observing line violation while the other Brother is confirming each shot for the score keeper and is the rebounder.

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. *Currently with the new Praesidium Academy, no one else is able to take the Safe Environment Program at this time.* See pages 8 - 10 for more details.

The Day of the Competition

5) <u>Set-up</u>

- Try to have a PA system for announcing and playing music for warm-ups.
- Juice and doughnuts for after the competition.
- Tape to mark both foul lines accordingly (measured from the backboard) at each net and make sure this is done before the participants show up for registration and warm-up.
- Have at least 7-9 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. Outside balls should not be allowed.
- 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 correct basket, 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.

ABUSE PROTOCOL, SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM & BACKGROUND CHECKS

Do all members of the council have to sign off on the abuse protocol?

All Members within the Council must sign off or provide an email acknowledgement on the abuse protocol should they want to participate in activities or events within the community (beyond just a regular business meeting). This is a requirement for anyone who wants to participate in these activities to minimize liability risk to the Council and to the insurance coverage.

Here is the link to the 2023 KofC Ontario Abuse Protocol - https://ontariokofc.ca/safe-environment-program/

Who needs to take the Online Praesidium Academy Safe Environment course?

The following Executive members have to take this due to the requirements of their positions; Grand Knight, the Program Director (DGK), Community & Family Directors and all Squire Counselors. The Free Throw Chairman should take this course as they are in charge of the program and the event. All other members and non-members are not required, but encouraged to take the course. Currently the new Praesidium Academy is only allowing the four executive positions to take the online course. Hopefully in the Fall of 2024 everyone will have the opportunity to take it.

Who needs to have a background check; which is required and where to obtain one?

Every Knight who is volunteering at the competition requires a background check and the results or a copy of it has to be on file with the councils Grand Knight or Financial Secretary. A regular Criminal (CPIC) background check or sometimes stated as a Volunteer Background Check is all that is needed. A Vulnerable Sector Check is NOT needed. To obtain a background check you can either go through the Office of Youth Protection at Supreme or members can go to their local police force along with a Volunteer Letter (sample on page 11) signed by their Grand Knight to obtain one for free or for a small cost, \$10 - \$20 depending on the police force.

How to obtain a background check through Supreme.

Supplemental Screening Process for Members Not In Key Leadership Roles

Members chairing programs, events, and activities involving minors and/or other vulnerable persons are responsible for ensuring that members who volunteer are eligible to do so in accordance with applicable safe environment requirements of the Ontario Knights of Columbus Council Liability Insurance Program. Members NOT holding key leadership roles who volunteer in a program, event, or activity involving minors and/or other vulnerable persons sponsored by a Knights of Columbus council are required to complete a background check through a Supplemental Screening Process through the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program and Praesidium in accordance with the Ontario Knights of Columbus Risk Management Protocol and Abuse, Discrimination, Harassment Prevention Policy.

No later than four weeks before a scheduled program, event, or activity, members coordinating the Knights of Columbus sponsored program, event, or activity should email a list of all members volunteering to Quianna Richardson, Manager, Knights of Columbus, Office of Youth Protection: quianna.richardson@kofc.org the following:

• A list of each member's full name, council and membership numbers, and their email address

Please ensure that the subject Line of the email states the following information to expedite the process: "[the name and date of your event] - Ontario Supplemental BGC List" (e.g., "Free-Throw 1-15-2022 – Ontario Supplemental BGC List").

Members listed will receive a weblink via email by which to provide their consent for a background check through Praesidium. To complete their Praesidium background check authorization, members will need to print, sign, and upload documents and copies of two forms of photo identification. Once the background checks have been completed, Praesidium will send an email to each member that can be shared with the key leader coordinating the event as confirmation of their background check.

Members NOT holding certain key leadership roles who are later appointed to key leadership roles requiring a background check may need to provide consent for an additional background check through the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program once appointed. Praesidium typically sends out an email invitation to obtain this consent about one week after appointment.

Ontario State Council Database Repository

GK and FS, when completing the background check portion for each member in the Ontario State Council Database Repository you will need to check off the Praesidium check box.

Link to Ontario State Webinars on Background Checks. Simply enter your name and email address and click Register. It will then take you to the recorded webinar.

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/1308874456951849474 https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2143138800728765455

Link to the Ontario State Council Database Repository online Webinar; https://okofc-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/ani_ontariokofc_ca/Ebn4abxGhSIFiC0SOpPAJ-MBmnfKgY6fQDRv-8H0ytNwlA?e=ieIn2t

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFICE OF YOUTH PROTECTION



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS YOUTH ACTIVITY POLICY

A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "YOUTH ACTIVITY" IS AN ACTIVITY WHOSE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS ARE MINOR CHILDREN (BASKETBALL FREE THROW, "COATS FOR KIDS," ETC.)

- All <u>youth activities</u> sponsored by the Knights of Columbus shall require the presence of at least one member, typically the council's Family Director and/or Community Director, who has been background checked and trained through the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.
- The Grand Knight of the council sponsoring the youth activity, who is required to complete Knights of Columbus safe environment training, should also attend the activity. There should never be fewer than two fully trained members in attendance.
- Council Family/Community Directors and/or other members of the council who have been background checked and trained through the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program shall, in conjunction with their Grand Knight, ensure that all Knights of Columbus Safe Environment policies and procedures are followed at all youth activities sponsored by a Knights of Columbus council.
- In the event that a council's Family Director and Community Director are both unable to attend a youth activity, any other member of the council who has recently been background checked and trained through the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program must be in attendance.
- If there are no available background checked and trained members of the council, every
 effort should be made to have a qualified Family Director or Community Director from a
 nearby council to attend. If there are no such qualified members, then the State Youth
 Director, State Family Director, and/or State Community Director should attend.

If at least two qualified members are not available to attend the activity, then the activity must be re-scheduled to a time when the council's Family Director and/or Community Director, along with another qualified member will be able to attend for the full duration of the event.

The above are the Safe Environment Protocols set out by Supreme in conjunction with the requirements of Ontario Council's liability insurance carrier Northbridge and many other insurance companies stating that all Brother Knights who volunteer in youth programs and events must complete a background check.

For more information go to the following weblinks:

https://www.kofc.org/un/en/resources/safe-environment-program/safe-environment-program-information-guide.pdf
https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/safe-environment-program/safe-environment-best-practices.pdf

https://ontariokofc.ca/safe-environment-program/



To whom it may concern,

The Knights of Columbus is a volunteer organization that offers programs that minors and vulnerable people may attend. Our insurance carrier has asked all volunteers working with minors or vulnerable people to have a Criminal Record Check kept on file. As unpaid volunteers in Ontario, our members are eligible to receive the free criminal records check (CRC) and/or criminal record and judicial matters check (CRJMC).

Please provide the free Criminal Record Check (CRC) for volunteer:

Name of Applicant (volunteer):	
Grand Knight:	Phone Number: ()
Council Name	Council #
Signature of Grand Knight	Date:

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

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Council #	
Event:	

CHAMPIONS	HIP	Ontario Abuse	Packground	Safe
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Council Directors (Program, Community & Family) and For all other volunteers it is suggested they take the content of the Non - Members First & Last Name (Print) This form must be completed by the Grand Knight or F	ourse, but not mandator			Labovo
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM ACTION LIST

Time Line/Due Date	Action	Done by
July/August	Outline program to Grand Knights and encourage Council participation at District Meeting	District Deputy
August	Appoint Council Free Throw Championship Chairman	Grand Knight
Mid August	Order K of C Free Throw Championship Kits (#FT-KIT) through Supplies Online which can be accessed in the Officers Portal	Grand Knight or Financial Secretary
Late September	Contact schools to advise them of the program and emphasize how easy it is to conduct. (Encourage it to be a part of Physical Education program)	Council Chairman
Late October	Arrange time, date and place of Regional competition and advise District Deputies and Grand Knights	Regional Chairman
Early November	Arrange time, date and place of District competition and advise Council Chairmen and Grand Knights	District Deputy
Mid November	Arrange time, date and place of Council competition and advise schools, Grand Knight and District Deputy	Council Chairman
December	District Champion Medallions & Certificates to be picked up at the DD's meeting in December	District Deputy
As appropriate throughout program	Publicize program using local media, posters provided in the FT-Kits can be placed in schools, community centers, churches, etc. Write ups in weekly Church Bulletins and monthly school Event Calendars is a good way to reach each family.	Council Chairman, Grand Knight, District Deputy
By January 31st	Conduct Council competition	Council Chairman
By January 31st	Provide entry form/score sheets for Council winners to the District Deputy for the District competition	Council Chairman
January 31 st	Complete and email the Free Throw Participation Report (SO-FT-1) to your District Deputy and the State Free Throw Chairman (NOTE: If local schools had competitions then the NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS AT COUNCIL LEVEL IS THE TOTAL NUMBER THAT COMPETED AT All THE SCHOOL LEVELS)	Grand Knight
By February 23 rd	Conduct District competition	District Deputy
February 28 th	Complete & email the District Winners Report to your Regional Chairman before the competition. Provide the score sheets for your winners to him the day of competition.	District Deputy
February 28 th	Complete and email the District Free Throw Report (SO-FT-2) found in this package to the State Free Throw Chairman	District Deputy
By March 23 rd	Conduct Regional competition	Regional Chairman (District Deputies assist)
By March 24 th	Complete and email the Ontario Regional Winners Report to the State Chairman. Hold onto the Entry form/Score sheets for the Regional winners.	Regional Chairman
April	Relax, pat yourself on the back for a job well done and enjoy! Again, thank you for all the hard work that you do.	All Good Knights who contributed to the program



Sample Letter to Schools

Dear (Principal/Teacher's Name),

Every year the Knights of Columbus sponsors a Basketball Free Throw Championship open to all boys and girls ages 9 to 17. 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.

I assure you, this is not a program which adds significantly to a teacher's already busy schedule. On the contrary, 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 January. 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 #

Yours truly,

Your Name, Grand Knight Council Name and Number

	BASKETBALL FREE THROW REGIONAL CHAIRMEN & DISTRICTS									
	LES PRÉSIDENTS RÉGIONAUX & LES DISTRICTS DU LANCER-LIBRE DE BASKETBALL									
Region	Area	Districts	Regional Chairman	Address	Contact					
1	Windsor & Chatham		Ken Bosse	910 Talbot Rd. East	(519) 566-9968					
		10, 21, 23, 39, 40, 51, 76, 88		Wheatley, N0P 2P0	skkenkc@hotmail.com					
			Dan Pergolesi	10792 Winslow Rd.	(519) 735-6253					
				Windsor, N8R 1C5	dd76@ontariokofc.ca					
2	Southern Half of Golden	6, 7, 8, 11, 26, 28, 35, 55, 60,	Gregory Lougheed	1629 Sandusk Rd.	(519) 718-3649					
	Horseshoe & Owen Sound	62, 67, 69, 80, 83, 100, 105, 109		Jarvis, N0A 1J0	dd100@ontariokofc.ca					
3	East GTA	5, 36, 37, 63, 65, 70, 77, 87,	Eardley Adams	15 Waterwheel Street	(905) 554-1997					
		90, 95, 97, 107, 108		Markham, L3P 6M5	eardley.adams@ymail.com					
4	North & West GTA,	19, 24, 27, 33, 43, 50, 53, 86,	Ron Frank	140 Meadowvale Court	(416) 602-0796					
	Simcoe, Perry Sound & Muskoka	91, 96, 99, 102, 103, 106, 110		Bolton, L7E 3H3	frank_6@sympatico.ca					
5	Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury,	13, 25, 38, (41), (47), (74)	Daniel Mainville	3367 Laura Dr.	(705) 929-1565					
	North Bay			Chelmsford, P0M 1L0	mio5@ontariokofc.ca					
	Timmins & Surrounding Area	(12), (46 - C3056, C6820), 52, 71	Vacant							
6										
.]	Thunder Bay & Northern	14, 15 & (46 - C3554)	Vacant							
	Lake Superior Area									
7	Greater Ottawa, Pembroke,	1, 2, (17), 30, (42), 44, (54), (58),	Mark McAvoy	45 Eastpark Dr.	(613) 830-3032					
<u> </u>	Perth, Carleton Place, Kemptville	66, (78), 79, (85), 92, 98, 101, 104		Ottawa, K1B 3Z6	markmcavoy@bell.net					
8	London &	9, 22, 49, 61, 68, 72, 84	Gary Masters	646 Grand View Ave.	(519) 854-4015					
	Sarnia			London, N6K 3G6	dd49@ontariokofc.ca					
9	Brockville, Cornwall, Kingston	20, 32, 57, (75), (81), 93	Renald Bombardier	337 Andre Ave.	(613) 362-0972					
				Cornwall, K6J 3A2	renaldbombardier@hotmail.com					
10	Belleville, Peterborough	3, 4, 29, 48, 73, 82	Kevin Heffernan	1401 White Cres.	(647) 775-5448, (705) 930-3848					
				Peterborough, K9K 2L5	robkevheffernan@nexicom.net					

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

ENTRY FORM/SCORE SHEET

I wish to enter THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP in the category and age group checked below. My eligibility is to be determined by my age as of January 1. I also understand that I may only compete in one council level competition.

Birth Certificate or other proof of age is required to verify eligibility.

Boys Girls 9 10 11	12 13 14 15 16	17 School Name				
Name of Entrant		Date of Birth				
Street Address						
City	State/Province	Postal Code				
Telephone (Circle one: Home Cell) Email		Signature of Entrant				
This Section To Be Completed By	y Parent/Guardian:	Council No				
By signing below, the undersigned requests and approves of the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP ("The Contest"). In consideration for the entrant's participation in the Contest, the undersigned (1) acknowledges that the entrant's participation will be 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. Parent or guardian must sign this form before entrant competes.						
Parent/Guardia	nn Da	te signed				
This Section To Be Completed B	y Knights of Columbus Officia	ls:				
SCORING INSTRUCTIONS: Each contestant will be allowed 15 consecutive free throws in council competition and 25 consecutive free throws in all other levels. Indicate number of free throws "made" in first column. Those tied for highest score will compete in successive rounds each being allowed free throws until one contestant emerges as winner. Use other columns to indicate scores in "playoff" rounds.						



X BASKET MADE

TOTAL

BASKETS MADE

O BASKET MISSED

COMPETITION LEVEL

COUNCIL:

DISTRICT:

REGIONAL:

SCORING:

KOFC FREE THROW COMPETITION SCHOOL LEVEL - CLASSROOM ENTRY FORM

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SCHOOL NAME:			_	DOV WINNER.		
TEACHER'S NAME:			-	BOY WINNER:		
GRADE:			G	SIRL WINNER:		
Note: 9, 10 & 11 year olds sho	ot from the 12 foot	line. 12 to 17 y	year olds shoot from the 15 foot line.			
NAME (FIRST & LAST)	SEX	AGE as of	3 WARM UPS, 15 FREE THROWS	IF TIED, 5 ADDITIONAL THROWS	TOTAL	TOTAL
(PLEASE PRINT)	B/G	Jan 1st, 20	BASKET MADE ■ BASKET MISSED	EACH UNTIL TIE IS BROKEN	BASKETS	WITH TIE
			0000000000000000			

RETURN THIS FORM COMPLETED SO THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS CAN RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE.

THE WINNERS FROM EACH AGE/SEX CATEGORY ARE TO COMPLETE AN "ENTRY FORM SHEET" WITH IT SIGNED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM SCHOOL LEVEL

Due By: January 31

Immediately following the local school contest, the School Athletic Director or the teacher in charge should complete and submit this form (SO-FT-1 School) to the local Council Free Throw Chairman. This form provides the council in your area and the State Chairman with valuable statistics as well as feedback about the program in general.

PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR SCHOOL CONTEST:

AGE Groups	Gr. 4 9 Yr. Olds	Gr. 5 10 Yr. Olds	Gr. 6 11 Yr. Olds	Gr. 7 12 Yr. Olds	Gr. 8 13 Yr. Olds	Gr. 9 14 Yr. Olds	Gr. 10 15 Yr. Olds	Gr. 11 16 Yr. Olds	Gr. 12 17 Yr. Olds	TOTALS
BOYS										
GIRLS										
TOTALS										

PERSONAL COMMENTS OR OBSERVATIONS CONC	ERNING THE FREE	E THROW BASKETBALL PROGRAM
	SIGNED:	
	SIGNED.	School Athletic Director / Teacher
	SCHOOL NAME:	



This document is to be filled out and given to the Local K of C Council Free Throw Chairman.

The council will use these results and those from other schools when tallying the overall totals for the Council Participation Report (SO-FT-1)

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

PARTICIPATION REPORT FORM

Due By: January 31

Immediately following the local council contest, the grand knight should complete and submit the Free Throw Participation Form (SO-FT-1) to Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission, Ontario State Council and their District Deputy. This form provides the Supreme and State Council offices with valuable participation statistics as well as feedback about the program in general.

PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN YOUR COUNCIL CONTEST:

(Please include those who participated at school level competitions in your council's final participation results.)

AGE Groups	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	TOTALS
BOYS										
GIRLS										
TOTALS										

PERSONAL COMMENTS OR OBSERVATIONS CONC	ERNING THE FREE THROW BASKETBALL PROGRAM
	SIGNED:Grand Knight
	COUNCIL NUMBER:
	COUNCIL NUMBER:
	CITY/TOWN:
	STATE/PROVINCE:

Email a copy of this document to: fraternalmission@kofc.org, to stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca and your District Deputy.

(Councils should also retain a copy of this completed form for their files)

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FAITH IN ACTION

FREE THROW

CHAMPIONSHIP

Due By: February 28

DISTRICT DEPUTY'S PARTICIPATION REPORT

SCHOOL AND/OR COUNCIL FREE THROW COMPETITIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT

Please do your utmost to ensure this report is fully completed by the due date. Your efforts at both council and school levels are extremely important in this regard. You should obtain this information from your Grand Knights or Council FT Chairmen. I appreciate your efforts and support.

Note: This report is not for indicating the number of participants at your District Free Throw event.

Also, all councils are to be reported. Please enter "0" if a Council did not participate in the program.

	COUNCIL#	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTALS	Did 15 to 17 year olds participate?
					Yes No
					Yes No
					Yes No
					Yes No
					Yes No
					Yes No
					Yes No
PERSONAI	. COMMENTS OR	R OBSERVATION:	S CONCERNING	THE FREE THRO	' W BASKETBALL PROGRAM
FOR EA	CH COUNCIL TH	AT DID NOT PA	RTICIPATE IN TE	HE PROGRAM, W	/HAT WAS THE REASON:
DISTRICT	DEPUTY:			DISTRICT	NUMBER:

Email a copy of this document to: stateoffice@ontariokofc.ca and to the State Free Throw Chairman



District # District Deputy:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW DISTRICT WINNERS REPORT (NOTE: Information on each winner must be filled out COMPLETELY))



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	Boys	9	Girls	
Name:		Name:		
Council #	D.O.B.:	Council #	D.O.B.:	MM.DD.YY
Contact #		Contact #		
School Name:		School Name:		
Council Score:	District Score:	Council Score:	District Score:	
	Boys 1	0	Girls	
Name:		Name:		
Council #	D.O.B.:	Council #	D.O.B.:	MM.DD.YY
Contact #	WIW.DD.11	Contact #		
School Name:		School Name:		
Council Score:	District Score:	Council Score:	District Score:	
	Boys 1	1	Girls	
Name:		Name:		
Council #	D.O.B.:	Council #	D.O.B.:	MM.DD.YY
Contact #		Contact #		
School Name:		School Name:		
Council Score:	District Score:	Council Score:	District Score:	
	Boys 1	2	Girls	
Name:		Name:		
Council #	D.O.B.:	Council#_	D.O.B.:	MM.DD.YY
Contact #	WIW.DD.11	Contact #		
School Name:		School Name:		
Council Score:	District Score:	Council Score:	District Score:	
	Boys 1	3	Girls	
Name:		Name:		
Council #	D.O.B.:	Council #	D.O.B.:	MM.DD.YY
Contact #	MM.DD.YY	Contact #		
School Name:		School Name:		
Council Score:	District Score:	Council Score:	District Score:	

	Boys 1	4	Girls
Name:		Name:	
Council#_	D.O.B.:	Council #_	D.O.B.:
Contact #_		Contact #_	
School Name:		School Name: _	
Council Score:	District Score:	Council Score:	District Score:
	Boys 1	5	Girls
Name:		Name:	
Council #_	D.O.B.:	Council #_	D.O.B.:
Contact #_		Contact #_	
School Name:		School Name:	
Council Score:	District Score:	Council Score:	District Score:
	Boys 1	6	Girls
Name: _		Name:	
Council #_	D.O.B.:	Council #_	D.O.B.:
Contact #_	MM.DD.YY	Contact #_	MM.DD.YY
Council Score:	District Score:	Council Score:	District Score:
	Boys 1	7	Girls
Name: _		Name:	
Council #_	D.O.B.:	Council #_	D.O.B.:
Contact #_		Contact #_	
School Name:		School Name:	
Council Score:	District Score:	Council Score:	District Score:
District #_	District Deputy:		Pg 2

Please email this form to your Regional Free Throw Chairman no less than 2 days before the scheduled Regional Free Throw.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BASKETBALL FREE THROW ONTARIO REGIONAL WINNERS REPORT



(NOTE: Information on each winner must be filled out COMPLETELY!)

	Boys 9	9	Girls
Name:		Name:	
Contact #		Contact #	
	D.O.B.:		D.O.B.:
School Name:	WIWI.DD. 1 1	School Name:	MIVI.DD. T T
Regional Score:	District Score:	Regional Score:	District Score:
Council Score:		Council Score:	
	Boys 1	0	Girls
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
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Contact #		Contact #	
Council #	D.O.B.:	Council#	D.O.B.:
School Name:		School Name:	
Regional Score:	District Score:	Regional Score:	District Score:
Council Score:		Council Score:	
	Boys 1	1	Girls
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
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Contact #		Contact #	
Council#	D.O.B.:	Council#	D.O.B.:
School Name:		School Name:	
Regional Score:	District Score:	Regional Score:	District Score:
Council Score:		Council Score:	

	Boys 1	2	Girls
Name:		Name:	
_			
Contact #_		Contact #	
Council #_			D.O.B.:
School Name:	MM.DD.YY	School Name:	MM.DD.YY
Regional Score:	District Score:	Regional Score:	District Score:
Council Score:		Council Score:	
	Boys 1	3	Girls
Name:		Name:	
_			
Contact #		Contact #	
Council #			D.O.B.:
	MM.DD.YY		MM.DD.YY
Regional Score:		Regional Score:	
Council Score:		Council Score:	
	Boys 1		Girls
Name:		Name:	
Contact #		Contact #	
Council #	D.O.B.:		D.O.B.:
	MM.DD.YY		MM.DD.YY
Regional Score:		Regional Score:	
Council Score:		Council Score:	

Region # _____ Regional Chairman: _____

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	Boys	15	Girls
Name:		Name:	
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Contact #		Contact #	
	D.O.B.:		MM.DD.YY
Regional Score:		Regional Score:	
Council Score:		Council Score:	
	Boys	16	Girls
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
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Contact #		Contact #	
	D.O.B.:	Council #	
School Name:	MM.DD.YY	School Name:	MM.DD.YY
Regional Score:		Regional Score:	
Council Score:		Council Score:	
_	Boys	17	Girls
Name:		Name:	
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Contact #		Contact #	
	D.O.B.:	Council#	
	MM.DD.YY	_	MM.DD.YY
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Regional Score:		Regional Score:	
Council Score:		Council Score:	

Please Email this report by March 24th to:

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Region # _____ Regional Chairman: ____

Knights of Columbus 2024 – 2025

Basketball Free Throw Competition Age Eligibility Chart as of Jan. 1st 2025

The date of birth to be eligible to compete within our 9 to 17 year old age groups needs to be Jan. 1st, 2016 or before.

From	To	Year	Age
January 2nd	December 31st	2015	9
January 2nd	December 31st	2014	10
January 2nd	December 31st	2013	11
January 2nd	December 31st	2012	12
January 2nd	December 31st	2011	13
January 2nd	December 31st	2010	14
January 2nd	December 31st	2009	15
January 2nd	December 31st	2008	16
January 2nd	December 31st	2007	17
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Born On		Year	Age
Born On January 1st		Year 2016	Age 9
January 1st		2016	9
January 1st January 1st		2016 2015	9 10
January 1st January 1st January 1st		2016 2015 2014	9 10 11
January 1st January 1st January 1st January 1st		2016 2015 2014 2013	9 10 11 12
January 1st January 1st January 1st January 1st January 1st		2016 2015 2014 2013 2012	9 10 11 12 13
January 1st		2016 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011	9 10 11 12 13 14

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January 1st

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From	To	Year	Age
January 2nd	December 31st	2015	9
January 2nd	December 31st	2014	10
January 2nd	December 31st	2013	11
January 2nd	December 31st	2012	12
January 2nd	December 31st	2011	13
January 2nd	December 31st	2010	14
January 2nd	December 31st	2009	15
January 2nd	December 31st	2008	16
January 2nd	December 31st	2007	17

Born On	Year	Age
January 1st	2016	9
January 1st	2015	10
January 1st	2014	11
January 1st	2013	12
January 1st	2012	13
January 1st	2011	14
January 1st	2010	15
January 1st	2009	16
January 1st	2008	17

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