



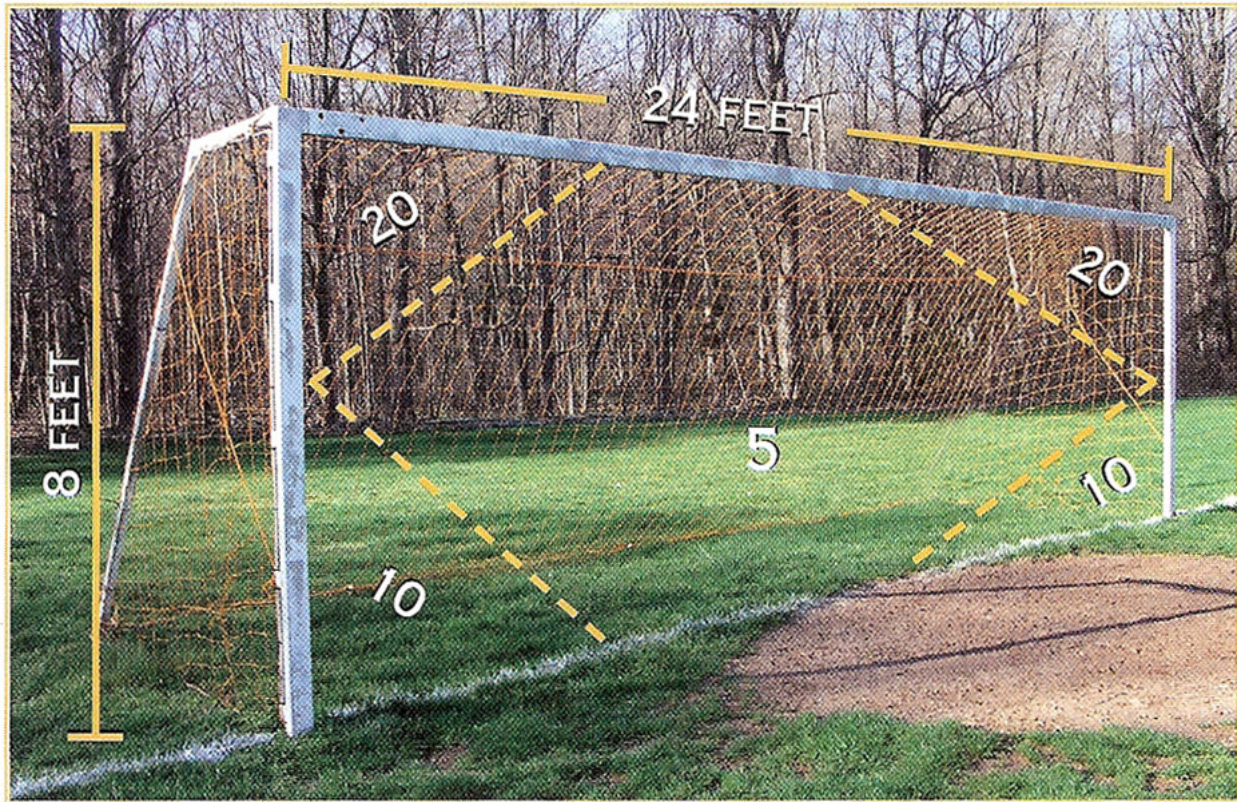
CONNECTICUT STATE COUNCIL 2017-2018 SOCCER CHALLENGE

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge program is a great way to provide entertainment and enjoyment for the young people in your community. To start planning, there are steps that you should keep in mind:

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick.

Who participates:

Open to all boys and girls in your community, ages 9 - 14, where each player will be allowed 3 practice kicks and then 15 kicks at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal) at the Council level. All subsequent levels require 3 practice kicks and then 25 kicks from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal) starting at the District, Regional and State/ levels.



The soccer goal will be divided into a series of **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 **central region** is a **5 point zone**.

The recommended time frame for this year Soccer Challenge Program and competition. Regional and Final Championships dates are subject to change:

Council Championships (15 kicks)

---To be completed by September 30, 2017

District Championships (25 kicks)

---To be completed by October 15, 2017

Regional Championships - Sites TBD (25 kicks)

---Weekends of October 21-22 & 28-29

State Championship - Site TBD (25kicks)
---Sunday, November 18, 2017

Implement the following tips and guidelines into your Knights of Columbus **Soccer Challenge program** to ensure fun, fairness, and success:

- Set a time and place. Contact schools, community centers or youth centers and reserve a soccer field.
- Contact the schools, soccer programs, recreation centers in your area to explain the program.
- Display “Soccer Challenge” posters prominently to generate attention and participation. Ask to display posters in elementary schools, middle schools, youth centers, Church halls and vestibules, libraries, Boys & Girls clubs, shopping centers, YMCA and YWCA buildings, and Columbian Squire meeting places. On the poster indicate the name of the contact person; the date, time and location of the competition; and a telephone number to call for additional information.
- Pre-registration of athletes will boost the number of participants and save time at the actual event.

Distribute **Application Entry/Score Sheet Form 4578** to approved locations. Personally deliver entry forms/score sheets to physical education teachers and coaches when possible. Have an announcement made in schools or send out a reminder of the competition immediately before the event.

Be ready to accept entry forms/scores sheets from walk-in participants on the day of the competition.

Please also make sure that "all" applications are accompanied by a copy of the participants "birth certificate", so that we are able to verify their age as stated on their application as of September 1st of the current year!

• Build public interest. Use the [sample press release](#) to announce the competition in local newspapers and through radio announcements. Always use the program's official name: Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.

Present Participation Certificates (#4573) to all participants and Council Champion Certificates (#4575) to the winners at the end of the competition. The [Soccer Challenge Kit](#) (#SC-1) contains 75 certificates for competitors (including 10 for champions). Please order your "kits" at least "six" to "eight" weeks prior to your scheduled "council" competition date.

• The Supreme Council Supply Department has [plaques, prizes, and promotional items](#) available which are suitable for council champions. These items include regulation-size soccer balls, glow-in-the-dark miniature balls, plaques and trophies – all bearing the K of C logo. Cash or bonds must not be awarded at any level of competition since that may compromise the amateur status of the contestant.

Use the [Soccer Challenge Report Form](#) (#4567) to report the results of your competition.

. Provide the entry form/score sheets and the proof of age for the council winners to the district deputy for the district competition. Please notify the council competition "winners" of the date, time and location of the district competition and any other levels of competition to which they are advancing.

For more information on how to conduct a council competition, please refer to our Soccer challenge Program Guide (SC-4576).

All forms and reports can be found on the Supreme website at www.kofc.org

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