

8.8 Soccer Challenge

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. Open to all boys and girls in your community, 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.

The State soccer completion is designed to be a tiered set of competitions;

- Council Championship – scheduled time **September 1st to September 21st**

GK's advise your District Deputy of your results no later than and supply the District Competition information to your winners

- District Championship – scheduled time **September 22nd to October 12th**

DD's advise your Regional Chairman of your results no later than and supply the Regional Competition information to your winners

- Regional Championship – scheduled time **October 13th to November 1st**

DD's advise your Regional Chairman of your results no later than and supply the Regional Competition information to your winners

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- **State Championship – November, 2017**

Location: **TBD**

NOTE: All score sheets must be collected and forwarded on to the organizer of the next completion level for all winning contestants.

Dates and locations of the regional contests will be posted on the State website.

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8.8.1.1 Soccer Challenge Guidelines

Implement these tips and guidelines into your Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge to ensure fun, fairness, and success!

1. Set a time and place. Contact schools, community centers or youth centers and reserve a soccer field. Ask sports teams, colleges or universities to work with your council on the Soccer Challenge as part of their community outreach program.
2. Contact the schools in your area to explain the program. Seek permission from the principals, athletic directors and superintendents to conduct the program as part of their physical education or intramural programs.
3. Display Soccer Challenge posters prominently to generate attention and participation. Ask to display posters in elementary schools, middle or high 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.
4. Pre-registration of athletes will boost the number of participants and save time at the actual event. Distribute entry forms/score sheets 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.
5. 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.
6. 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-KIT) contains 75 certificates for competitors (including 10 for champions).
7. 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.
8. Use the [Soccer Challenge Report Form](#) (#4567) to report the results of your competition.
9. Provide the entry form/score sheets and the proof of age for the council winners to the district deputy for the district competition. Inform council competition winners of the date, time and location of the district competition and any other levels of competition to which they are advancing.
10. For more information on how to conduct a council competition, please to refer to our [Soccer Challenge Program Guide](#) (#SC-4576).

8.8.1.2 Soccer Challenge Materials

The Supreme Council has printed and promotional items available designed to enhance the council, district, regional and state competitions. Many of the printed items are included in the Soccer Challenge kit (#SC-KIT); and the promotional items are ideal to distribute to participants at the various level competitions; present to winners; and assist in conducting the competition.

Printed Materials

Name	Form
Participation Report Form	4567
Soccer Challenge Program Guide	4576
Council Champion Certificate	4575
Participation Certificate	4573
Soccer Challenge Poster	4571
Soccer Challenge Poster	4572
Soccer Challenge Kit Order Form	SC - 1
Promotional Items Order Form	4616

PLEASE NOTE: These items have not been changed yet to accommodate the addition of 9 year old players. They are still welcome; just add a box or column to the appropriate form.

Promotional Materials

Item	Form	Approx. Cost (US Funds)
Competition Soccer Balls	SC-2	\$147.60
Council Plaques	SC-4	\$141.60

When ordering materials, please use the online request form when available; or mail or fax a Requisition Form (#1) to the Supply Department.

Orders made online or faxed in should not be mailed because it may result in duplicate order. Please allow four weeks to ensure delivery by the event.

Supply Department	Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 1670 New Haven, CT 06507	Tel: 203-752-4214 Fax: 800-266-6340
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