

*Wisconsin  
State Council*



*Knights of  
Columbus*

## **SOCCER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP**



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# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## IMPORTANT FIRST:

You must order (early) from Supreme's Service Department, your Soccer Challenge Data Package. The Councils will receive posters, certificates, and forms. All Councils must request data from:

Knights of Columbus  
Supreme Service Department  
One Columbus Plaza  
New Haven, CT 06507

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is open to all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 inclusive. Age eligibility is to be determined by the age of the contestant as of September 1. **NOTE:** Read this warning about 14 year old contestants. The following is a direct quote from the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (W.I.A.A.) bulletin of January 23, 1987. "Boys and girls who aren't or won't be on a high school varsity team this season *are* not prohibited from participating in this activity during the school season. Keep in mind that if one student does participate and then later in the season has an opportunity to play varsity ball, **THAT CAN'T BE DONE**. A student forfeits the opportunity to be on the high school varsity that season by participating in our activity. So, if you have the knowledge of a particular boy or girl that has a chance to move up to varsity this year, don't let them take *part* in this activity".

## ENTRIES:

In order to be eligible for competition, all entrants must register with a Knights of Columbus Council prior to beginning the competition. All applications must be made on the official entry form. Proof of age must accompany all applications.

## PARTICIPATION:

All boys and girls in the 10 to 14 year old age groups who have completed an official entry form and supplied proof of age are eligible to participate. Each age group will compete only among themselves. There will be no competition among contestants outside their respective age groups. Entrants may compete in only one council competition.

## CATEGORIES:

There will be four separate levels of competition. These are as follows: Council, Diocesan, State and International. It is the responsibility of the State Officials to inform every participating Council as to the dates, times, and locations of the Diocesan and State Competitions. State scores will be used to determine International winners. No International shoot-offs will be conducted.

## PROGRESSION:

**COUNCIL:** Council competition may be held on any local outdoor sports field with the proper goal setup approved by and under the supervision of the Youth Committee of a participating Knights of Columbus Council. Participation certificates are provided by the Supreme Council for presentation to all entrants. Results must be forwarded by the Council with all pertinent information to the Diocesan Coordinator. The **First Place** winner in each age group at the Council level of competition should also be awarded the certificates provided by the Supreme Council and will advance to the diocesan level of competition. Suitable awards should be supplied by the local Council.

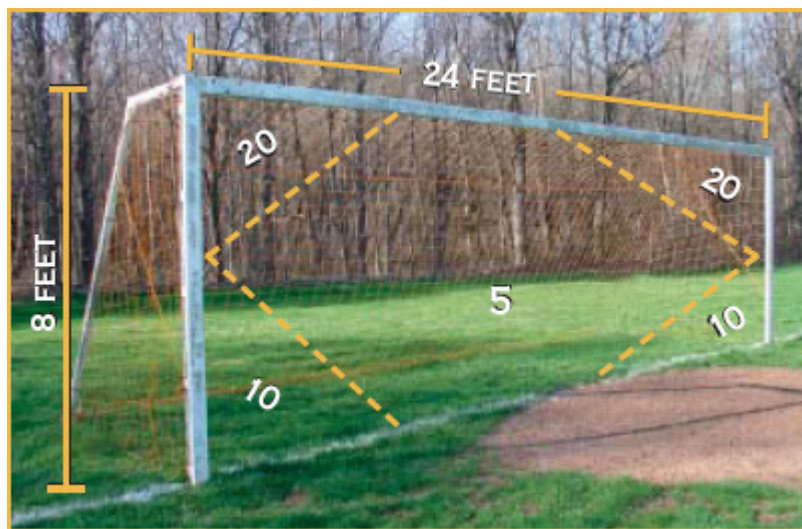
**DIOCESAN:** The Diocesan Championships may be held on any local outdoor sports field with the proper goal setup approved by and under the supervision of the Diocesan Coordinator. Results must be forwarded by the Diocesan Coordinator with all pertinent information to the State Athletic Chairman. The **First and Second Place** winners in each age group at the diocesan level of competition will advance to the state level of competition. Awards will be supplied by the State Council.

**STATE:** State Championships competition may be held on any local outdoor sports field with the proper goal setup approved by and under the supervision of the State Chairman and a participating Knights of Columbus Council. Results must be forwarded by the State Chairman to the Supreme Council Service Department on their forms. These reports will automatically constitute the entry of all Wisconsin State winners in the International competition. Awards will be supplied by the State.

**INTERNATIONAL:** International winners are decided by the Supreme Council on the basis on scores achieved on the State Competition. Engraved awards will be supplied by the Supreme Council to the International winners.

**NOTE:** In the event that a winner in any level cannot participate in the next level of competitions, the second or third place winner should represent the area for that age group.

## Goal Setup



### AGE SPECIFICATIONS

Age 10 and 11 (Boys and Girls Competitions):

Use a regulation – size soccer ball (size #4) and shoot 12 yards from the goal.

Age 12, 13, and 14(Boys and Girls Competitions):

Use regulation – size soccer ball (size #5) and shoot 12 yards from the goal.

## **KICKING PROCEDURE**

Contestants should be permitted as many warm up kicks as they deem necessary prior to the start of the competition. After competition begins and unless there is an unusual delay for any reason, (net problems, changing to another goal etc.) participants are not permitted warm up kicks other than the practice kicks. If any unusual circumstances not covered in the rules arise, an equitable decision must be reached by the director of that particular competition.

**Council Level:** Each contestant will be allowed three (3) practice kicks followed by fifteen (15) consecutive kicking attempts from the 12-yard penalty line.

**Diocesan Level:** Each contestant will be allowed three (3) practice kicks followed by twenty-five (25) consecutive kicking attempts from the 12-yard penalty line.

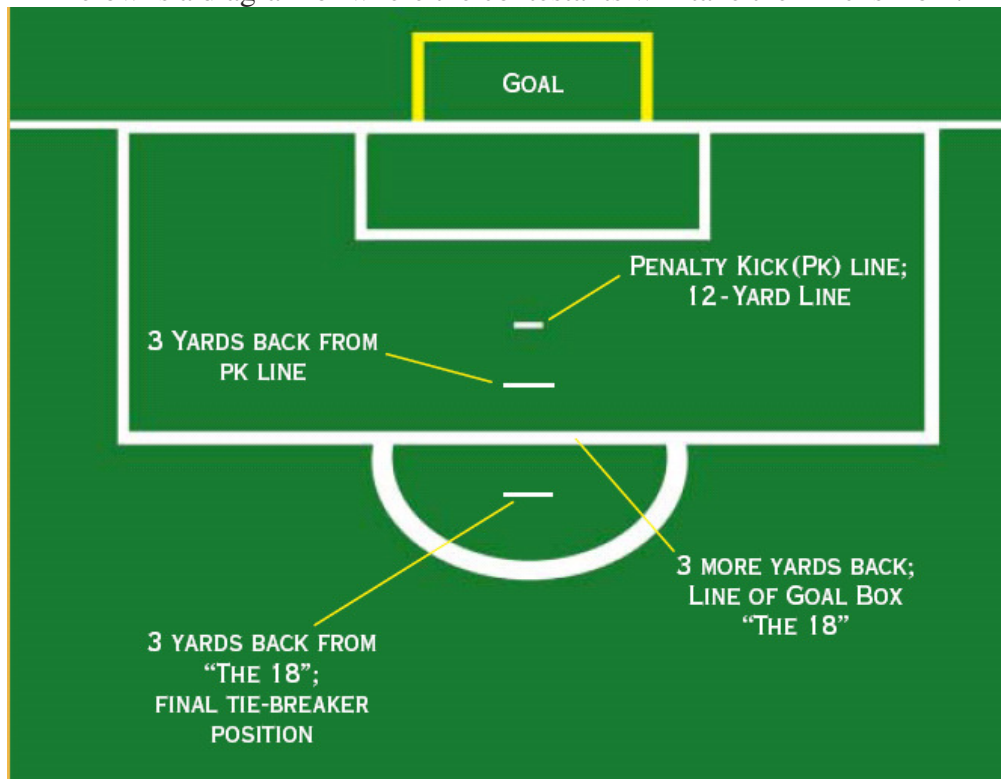
**State Level:** Each contestant will be allowed three (3) practice kicks followed by twenty-five (25) consecutive kicking attempts from the 12-yard penalty line.

**Note:** Normal rules of soccer regarding penalty kick apply for all levels of competition. Penalty kick violations include stepping on or over the line prior to the kick, and any contact made with the ball counts as a kick.

**Tie Breaker:** In the event a tie-breaker is necessary at any level of competition, it should be conducted as follows: each contestant will have the opportunity to kick from a position three (3) yards behind the penalty kick line, if the contestants are still tied then they will move back another three yards (line of goal box; known as “the 18”) for an additional three kicks each until one of the contestants either outscores the other or one of them misses. If they are still tied, the players will be given three more kicks six yards behind the penalty line (the “18”). If they still remain tied, the players will be given three more kicks nine yards behind the penalty line. If they are still tied, the players are to remain at this position (given three kicks consecutively) until the tie is finally broken.

## **SOCCER CHALLENGE DIAGRAM**

Below is a diagram of where the contestants will take their kicks from.



## **AWARDS**

**Council Level** – Each participating council should provide suitable awards to the winners. In addition, the Supreme Council furnishes, without cost, certificates for all participants in the competition as well as certificates for the Council Level winners.

**Diocesan and State Levels** – The State Council will provide the First, Second and Third place winners with suitable awards. Cash prizes or bonds must not be awarded since this impairs the amateur status of the contestants.

### **JUDGES/SCORERS/BALL CATCHERS:**

Judges scores, ball catchers will be determined by the Grand Knight at the Council Level; and by the State Deputy at the Diocesan and State Levels. The recommended minimum is one judge, two scorers, and a ball catcher at each goal. The judge will ensure that each participant receives fifteen (15) shots on goal and will point out any kicking violations. All questions will be resolved by the judges and Soccer Challenge chairman. Scorers should refer to the scoring instructions included on the entry form/score sheets.

## **SAMPLE LETTER**

Date

Dear (Principal or Coach):

(Name of Council and number) in conjunction with the "Wisconsin State Council, Knights of Columbus" invite all of your boys and girls 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 to participate in our Soccer Challenge.

The contest will be held on (DATE) at (PLACE) at (TIME).

I have enclosed entry forms and rules which cover the contest. There are no fees for any child entering the contest and no equipment such as uniforms or balls are required. Our organization will provide all equipment needed.

All participants should take note of the deadline for mailing back the entry forms. They must be in my hands no later than (DATE). This is necessary to schedule entries and allow sufficient time to contact the contestants. It is important that a stamped, self-addressed envelope be sent to me with the entry forms so that time schedules can be mailed back.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions that may not be covered in the enclosed information sheet.

Respectfully,

(NAME)  
(ADDRESS)  
(TELEPHONE)

Wisconsin  
State Council



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## SOCCER CHALLENGE REPORT FORM

Boys \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check One)

COUNCIL NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
DIOCESE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_  
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TOTAL ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENTERED AGE 10 \_\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ 13 \_\_\_\_\_ 14 \_\_\_\_\_

### 10 Year Old Winner

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### 11 Year Old Winner

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### 12 Year Old Winner

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### 13 Year Old Winner

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

### 14 Year Old Winner

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ District # \_\_\_\_\_ Council # \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Parents \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please file this form listing the winners in each age group with their Parent or Guardian release form.

**NOTE: File separate sheet for Boys and Girls**

**Grand Knights** are to submit their Council winners on this form to your Diocesan Programs Director.

**Diocesan Program Directors** are to submit the Diocesan winners, **FIRST** and **SECOND** place in each age group to the State Director. (File separate sheets for first and second place.)

**Signature:**

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Grand Knight, or Diocesan Director