

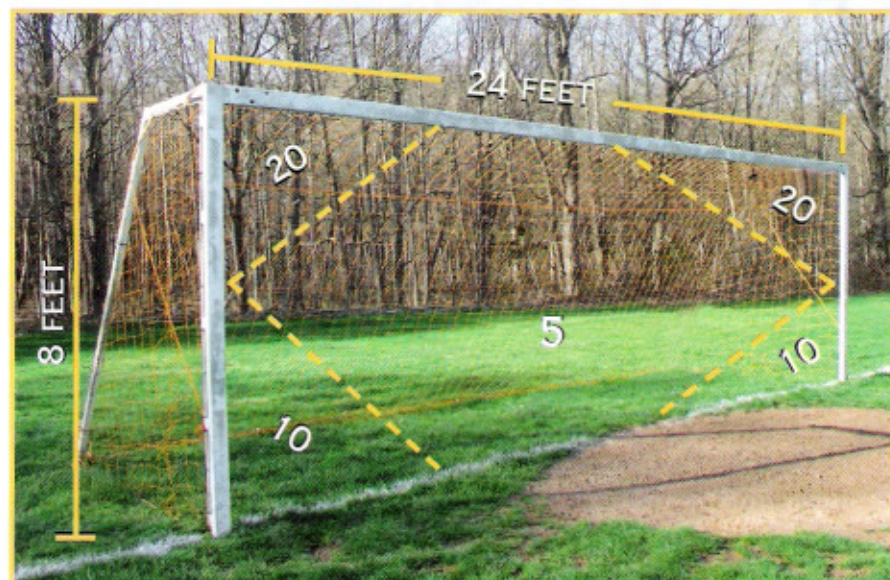


RULES A

COMPETITION

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic of soccer skills — the penalty kick. Each player will be allowed fifteen shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal).

The goal will be divided into a series of 5 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. To construct the five scoring zones attach a piece of rope approximately six and a half to seven feet in length diagonally across the four corners of the goal as shown in the diagram below. Use tent stakes to secure the bottom ropes to the ground.



SCORING

To score this competition each participant will be given 15 penalty kicks. Points will be awarded depending upon the area of the scoring zones through which the ball passes. For example, after the player's fifteen penalty kicks, his/her scores are 5/10/20/5/5/5/5/10/10/5/20/5/10/5/5, his/her total score would be 125. A score of 125 would be marked on the entry form/score sheet. Normal rules of soccer regarding penalty kicks 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. Scorers should record shots made and missed according to the instructions on the entry form/score sheet. It is also recommended that multiple scorers be assigned to each goal for scoring accuracy and comparison. All scores should be verified before the next contestant is allowed to shoot. The use of video tape recording is not recommended to resolve questions on scoring totals. **Judges and scorers are given final authority in verifying all scores and violations.**

JUDGES/SCORERS/BALL CATCHERS

Judges, scorers, and ball catchers will be selected by the Soccer Challenge chairman at the council level, by the district deputy at the district level, and by the state deputy at the regional and state levels. The recommended minimum is one judge, two scorers, and a ball catcher at each goal. It is recommended that volunteer parents be utilized in age groups other than the group(s) in which their child (children) competes. The judge will ensure that each participant receives fifteen shots on goal and will point out any kicking violations (see scoring section). 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 sheet.

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The recommended time frame for the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is:

- Council Championship – September
- District Championship – October
- Regional Championship – October/November
- State Championship – November

State officials should notify each council well in advance concerning the dates, times and locations of the regional and state championships. The district deputy is responsible for notifying councils of the date, time and location of the district competition. The grand knight or Soccer Challenge chairman should notify the council winners of the date, time and location of the next level of competition.

ELIGIBILITY

The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is open to all boys and girls in your community, ages 10-14. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of September 1. Proof of age is required. Athletes in high school should be advised to check with their school athletic directors or their state high school athletic associations regarding possible eligibility conflicts.

ENTRIES

All competitors must register using the official Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Entry Form/Score Sheet (#4578) provided in this packet. Proof of age must accompany all entry forms. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. The entry form/score sheet and proof of age must accompany participants through all levels of competition. Winners will progress to the district, regional, and state competitions. International champions are chosen on the basis of state-level results.

FIELD/EQUIPMENT

Each level of competition should be held on a local soccer field or suitable facility approved by and under the supervision of a participating Knights of Columbus council. Check with your parks and recreation department for availability and usage regulations.

AGE SPECIFICATIONS

Ages 10,11 (Boys & Girls Competitions):

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

Ages 12,13,14 (Boys & Girls Competitions):

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

