

# **Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge**

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**Please Note**: There will only be Council and District Soccer Challenge and no Diocesan and State Challenges.

## **Rules and Regulations**

All boys and girls between the ages of 9-14 years old are eligible to compete in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.

Age Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of September 1.

Each contestant 9-11 years old will take shots at the goal from the penalty line— 10 yards from the goal. Each contestant 12-14 years old will take shots from the penalty line- 12 yards from the goal.

Each contestant will take 15 consecutive shots at the Council competition and 25 consecutive shots at the District Competitions.

Each contestant can take three practice shots at all levels of competition.

If a Tie Breaker is necessary, each contestant will take three shots from a position three yards behind the designated age penalty line

Boys and Girls from ages 9, 10 &11 years old use a regulation size #4 soccer ball.

Boys and girls from ages 12, 13 and 14 years old use a regulation size #5 soccer ball.

The soccer ball must enter one of the scoring zones in order to count as a score and the shot must travel beyond the front of the goal in order to count as a score.

Any contestant that crosses the foul line before the kick must be counted as a foul and as a score of 0.

### **Important Reminder**

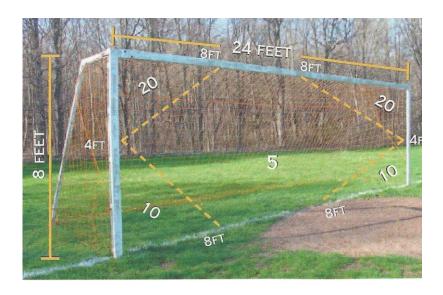
The State Community will compare scores from the District Competitions and submit the top scores in each age and gender category for consideration in the International Soccer Competition. All contest must have a score based on 25 shots and must be on a soccer entry form, with the top portion of the form completed.

#### **COMPETITION**

The goal is divided into a series of five scoring zones.

The two upper zones will be designed as 20- point zones, the two lower zones will be designed as 10-point zones and the center region will be a 5- point zone.

To construct the scoring zones, attach a piece of rope approximately 61/2-7 feet diagonally across the four corners of the goal. Use tent stakes to secure the bottom rope to the ground.



#### **Deadlines**

October 31, 2025: Deadline to complete Council Soccer Challenges November 29, 2025: Deadline to complete District Soccer Challenges December 1, 2025: Deadline to have District Results sent to the State Community Director and entry forms can be scanned and emailed.

#### **Awards**

Councils are encouraged to create their own Council Awards.

District 1st Place winners will receive District Medallions that the District Must order from the Supreme Council by going to Officers Online