

Knights of Columbus

Hockey Challenge

Playbook



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Encourage values of sportsmanship and healthy competition with this meaningful and fun event!

Play-By-Play for Council Hockey Challenge Championship Chairman

BRANDING

Always use the program's official name: Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge.

ORDER KIT

Order the Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge Kit (#HC-Kit) through Supplies Online, which can be accessed through Officer's Online.

INSURANCE

Insurance and liability considerations should be accessed in the same manner as competitions for Free Throw Championship and Soccer Challenge events, or other youth events.

SOLICIT LOCAL SUPPORT

Contact the schools in your area to explain the program. Seek permission of the principals, athletic directors, and superintendents to conduct the program as part of their physical education or intramural program, or ask for an endorsement encouraging students to participate in this community sports program. High school athletes should be reminded to check with their jurisdiction's high school athletic association/athletic director about possible eligibility conflicts.

Contact officials from the town recreation department or local street hockey leagues to promote the competition among their players. Teams and schools can hold preliminary competitions to determine winners by age groups to advance to the council competition. Make sure that entry forms/score sheets are distributed in advance to league officials or team coaches.

If there is a professional or semiprofessional franchise in your area, contact its public relations office to see if arrangements can be made to honor winners of your competition between periods. Also, approach teams about the possibility of getting players to present awards to your champions. Local sports teams, including sports other than hockey, may also be willing to donate uniforms, autographed memorabilia and other similar items as awards or prizes for your champions.

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PROMOTE THE EVENT

Display program posters prominently to generate attention and participation. Ask to display posters in schools, youth centers, church halls, libraries, and other prominent locations in the community. 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. Supplement these posters with newspaper ads, radio and TV spots, and other publicity. Additional posters are available through Supplies Online, which can be accessed through Officer's Online. Use the sample press release to announce the competition in local newspapers, on social media, and through radio announcements. Always use the program's official name: Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge.

SET A TIME AND PLACE

Contact schools, community centers, or youth centers to reserve a time and space for the Hockey Challenge. Ask local sports teams, colleges or universities to work with your council on the Hockey Challenge as part of their community outreach program. While April is the recommended month for conducting a council competition, councils should be flexible and work around the schedules of local school teams. All local competitions should be held so that the winners can participate in the district competition, and district events should be held prior to regional or jurisdiction events.

PREREGISTRATION

Preregistration of athletes will boost the number of participants and save time at the actual event. Distribute entry forms/score sheets to approved locations. Make sure the teachers know your council number and contact information. Personally deliver entry forms/score sheets to physical education teachers and

coaches when possible. Try to collect completed forms before the competition to get a general estimate on the number of participants. Plan the competition based on these numbers. Have an announcement made in school or send out a reminder of the competition immediately before the event. Be ready to accept entry forms/score sheets from walk-in participants on the day of the competition.

RECRUITMENT

All programs are a membership recruitment opportunity. The Hockey Challenge is no different. Some of the fathers attending your event are likely to be practical Catholics who are eligible to join a council. Have one or two Knights from your membership committee set up a table for recruiting and stock it with membership pamphlets, 921 Prospect Cards, and Faith in Action Booklets. Be sure to hold a degree following the competition for the prospects received during the competition.

PROGRAM CREDIT

Immediately following your council's shoot out, the Grand Knight must complete and submit the *Fraternal Programs Report Form* (#10784) found on kofc.org/forms. This feedback provides valuable statistics on participation and an overall assessment of the program. Include the number of participants (Non volunteers) in section 2.

GYMNASIUM/PARK EQUIPMENT

Each level of competition should be held in a gym, local park, ice rink, or another location 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. Do this as early as possible, because school/recreation teams are also reserving gymnasium and ice rink space. The needed equipment is hockey pucks/street balls and a piece of plywood (see Diagram on page 7 on how to set up the plywood). Children are encouraged to provide their own hockey stick in order to be allowed to compete in the Hockey Challenge.



Conducting a

Play-By-Play Council Level

SET A TIME AND PLACE

Secure a gym, park space, or ice rink, select a date for the Shoot-out and pass the information to the local parish, school or community.

COMPETITION LEVELS

Each contestant receives three practice shots followed by 20 shots broken up into three groups (10-5-5) from the shot line. All age groups shoot from the same distance. In the event a tie breaker is necessary, it should be conducted as follows:

Each contestant will have the opportunity to take three shots from a position three feet behind the shot line. If the contestants are still tied they will then continue to take turns of three shots each until a clear winner emerges. Tie-breaker shots should not be counted for the next round of the competition.

RECOGNITION

Present Participation Certificates (#10858) to all participants, and Council Champion Certificates (#10859) to the winners at the end of the competition. A council can also purchase plaques on knightsgear.ca.

ADVANCED COMPETITION

Provide the entry forms/score sheets for the council winners to the District Deputy for the district competition. Make sure your council number is on the form. 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. Be sure that a council official accompanies council winners to all upcoming competitions as they advance. In the event that a winner in any level cannot participate in the next level of competition, the second-place winner should represent the area.

PROGRAM CREDIT

Immediately following your council's Hockey Challenge competition, the Grand Knight must complete and submit the *Fraternal Programs Report Form* (#10784) included in the Hockey Challenge Kit. This feedback provides valuable statistics for participation and an overall assessment of the program. Include the number of participants (Non volunteers) in section 2.

District/Regional/Jurisdictional & International Levels

Play-By-Play for the District Deputy:

DISTRICT COMPETITION

District Deputies should inquire with their councils to see who is hosting a Hockey Challenge. If only one council participates, a district contest isn't necessary.

Each contestant receives three practice shots followed by 25 shots broken up in three groups (10-10-5) from the shot line. In the event a tie breaker is necessary, it should be conducted as follows:

Each contestant will have the opportunity to take three shots from a position three feet behind the shot line. If the contestants are still tied, they will then continue to take turns of three shots

each until a clear winner emerges. Tie-breaker shots should not be counted for the next round of the competition.

SET A TIME AND PLACE

Secure a gym, park space, or ice rink, select a date for the Shoot-out and pass on the information to each of the council Hockey Challenge chairmen in your district.

COMPETITION DAY

Conduct the district championship according to the rules covered in this booklet. Organize entry forms/ score sheets by age and gender. Use the entry form/score sheet to record each participant's score. This form must accompany each participant as he or she progresses through the higher levels of

Championship

competition. The council number must also be clearly written on the form. Conduct a final check of equipment and see that the hockey sticks and street hockey balls/ hockey pucks are available and ensure that the shot line is clearly marked. Make sure the 5 scoring zones are clearly cut out on plywood covering the goal, as marked on the diagram on page 7.

All district-level participants must participate during the scheduled hours of the competition and under the same conditions as all other competitors. Under no circumstances can participants compete at a special time other than the scheduled and publicized hours of the competition. Use the

entry form/score sheet for each participant to record district competition scores.

RECOGNITION

District Deputies should order their 14 Olympic style medallions for presentation to the district winners. Medallions can be ordered through Supplies Online, which can be accessed through Officer's Online.

ANNOUNCE WINNERS

Send a press release to local media sources announcing the district winner.

Play-By-Play for the Regional/Jurisdiction Community Chairman:

REGIONAL AND JURISDICTIONAL LEVEL ORDER AWARDS

Order regional/jurisdiction awards through knightsgear.ca or knightsgear.com or contact a local supplier for an appropriate award. Jurisdictional councils are responsible for ordering and presenting awards to the regional and jurisdictional winners.

COMPETITION DAY

Each contestant receives three practice shots followed by 30 shots broken up into three groups (10-10-10) from the shot line. In the event a tie breaker is necessary, it should be conducted as follows:

Each contestant will have the opportunity to take five shots from a position three feet behind the shot line. If the contestants are still tied, they will then continue to take turns of one shot each until a clear winner emerges.

SET A TIME AND PLACE

Secure a gym, park space, or ice rink, select a date for the Shoot-out and pass on the information to each of the council Hockey Challenge chairmen in your district.

Note: A Hockey Challenge event should not be held on a school day unless all participants are able to attend.

RECOGNITION

Present the regional/jurisdictional awards. Cash or bonds must not be awarded at any level of the competition.

ANNOUNCE WINNERS

Prepare a press release announcing the winners and send it to local media sources. Use the sample council release as a guide.

ADVANCED COMPETITION

Report the results of your district competition to the regional/jurisdictional community chairman and give him the entry forms/score sheets of your champions. Inform your champions of the date and location of the regional/jurisdictional shoot-out Challenge.

Note: In the event that a winner in any level cannot participate in the next level of competition, the second-place winner should represent the area for that age group.

SUPREME REPORTING

The competition ends at the Jurisdictional level. Councils should submit their *Fraternal Programs Report Form* (#10784) to the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council by May 15th.

AUTHORITY

The Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge program will be under the authority of the state deputy and jurisdictional community director. Any questions about this program not answered in this guide should be directed to the appropriate jurisdictional officials or to:

Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission
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New Haven, CT 06510-3326
Telephone: (203) 752-4270
Fax: (203) 752-4108
Email: fraternalmission@kofc.org.

Rules & R

RULES & REGULATIONS ELIGIBILITY

The Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge is open to all boys and girls in your community, between the ages of 10-17. Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of the month the competition is run. Paperwork that determines age eligibility of participants should not be collected or copied. Athletes in high school should be advised to check with their school athletic directors or their state/province athletic associations regarding possible eligibility conflicts.

ENTRIES

All competitors must register using the official Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge entry form/score sheet (#10854) provided in the Hockey Challenge Kit, or at kofc.org/hockey using the “resource” link. All kit materials are in this section. Preregistration is recommended but not required. The entry form/score sheet must accompany participants through all levels of competition. The council number should also be clearly written on the form. Winners will progress to the district, regional, and jurisdictional competitions. International champions are chosen on the basis of jurisdiction-level results.

COMPETITION

The Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge is a great way to put your faith into action and provide an athletic outlet for youth in your community! The competition is designed for players ages 10 to 17 to demonstrate the most important skill in hockey — shooting accuracy on goal. Each player will be allowed 20 shots, 12 feet away directly in front of the goal. This contest is

designed to be held on a gym floor, ice rink, or at a local park. At the District level each participant will have 20 shots at goal, for the Regional and State Competition participants will receive 30 shots on goal.

SCORING

Each participant will be given 20 shots on goal. Points will be awarded depending upon the area of the scoring zones through which the ball passes. 5 points for the lower corners, 10 points for the upper corners, and 7 points for the middle. Normal rules of hockey regarding shots on goal apply for all levels of competition. Violations include stepping over the line prior to the shot.

TIMELINE

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

Council Championship	— September/October or March/April
District Championship	— November or May
Regional Championship	— December or June
Jurisdictional Championship	— January or July

Specific dates for Regional and Jurisdictional Championships are available from the jurisdictional program director. All program material should be ordered four weeks prior to your contest to ensure availability. We are requesting that the *Fraternal Programs Report Form* (#10784) be submitted before May 15th.



regulations

JUDGES/SCORERS/BALL-PUCK RETRIEVER

Judges, scorers, and ball catchers will be selected by the Hockey Challenge Chairman at the council level, by the District Deputy at the district level, and by the Jurisdiction Deputy at the regional and jurisdiction levels. The recommended minimum is one judge, two scorers, and a ball retriever. 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 the proper number of shots on goal and will point out any shot violations (see scoring section). All questions will be resolved by the judges and Hockey Challenge Chairman. Scorers should refer to the scoring instructions included on the entry form/score sheet.

SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS

Use the following diagram to set up your gym floor or a section at the park. First, find a spot for your standard 4'x6' hockey goal, which will be the reference point from which all other measurements are taken. To create the "hash mark" shooting positions, measure 3 feet to the left of the goal and 3 feet to the right of the goal along the goal line (see diagram 1 for position of goal line). From the center point, measure out 12 feet away from the goal line and mark the spot with "no residue" tape. In the case of a tie, mark a line 3 feet back from the first line, to be used as a tie breaker.

Step 1: Measure 3ft. from both left and right corner of goal along goal line.

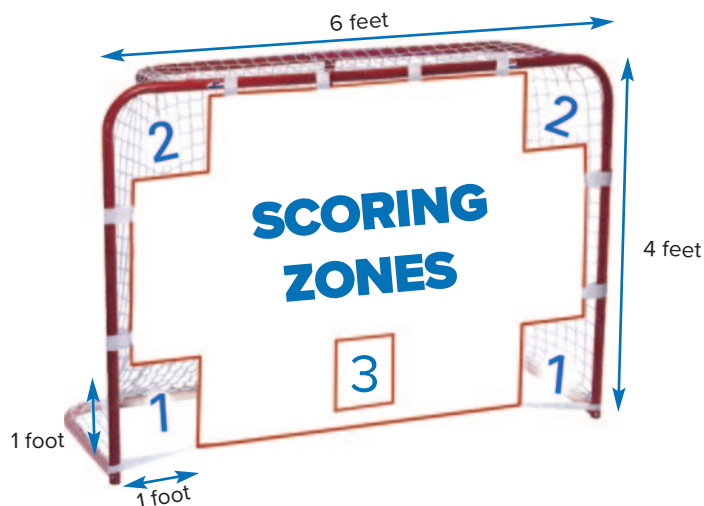
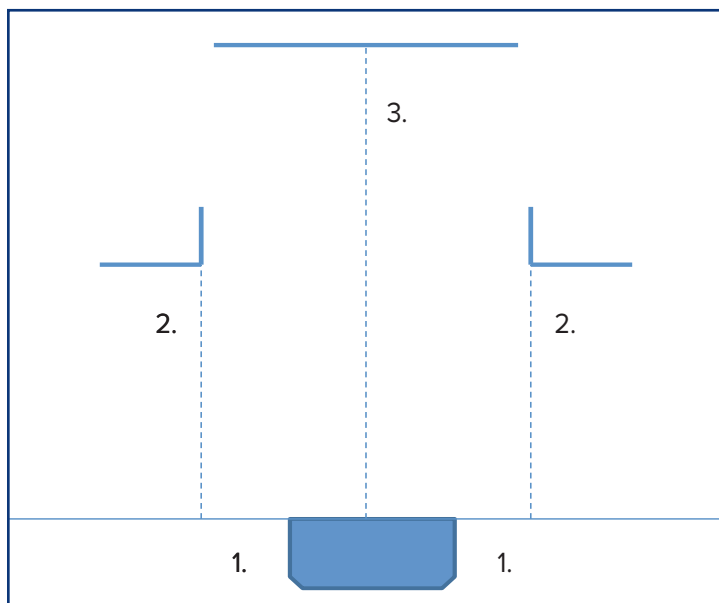
Step 2: Measure 12ft. out from the goal line and mark the floor or ice with hash marks shown in diagram 1.

Step 3: Measure 15ft. out as a tie breaker line.

Diagram 1

NET SET-UP

A standard 4'x6' goal will be divided into a series of five scoring zones through the use of a "net screen." This screen can be made from a 4'x6' piece of plywood. Cut a one foot square out of each of the four corners, plus another one directly centered between the goal posts, about 6 inches above the floor. See diagram above for approximate layout.



Publicity: Get

PUBLICIZING YOUR EVENT

One of the best ways to ensure that your council's hockey program is successful is to publicize it. The program must always be referred to as the "Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge."

After reserving a gym and setting a date for the competition, use the sample press release on kofc.org/hockey in the resource tab to announce the event.

Retype it, double spaced, on council letterhead, filling in the necessary information providing the who, what, when and

where of your council's scheduled Knight of Columbus Hockey Blast. Make sure to include the name and phone number of a contact person.

Ask editors to publish a reminder close to the date of the championship and to list it in the community or weekend calendars. Talk with assignment editors and suggest the competition as a great opportunity for a feature story. Make arrangements for a story about your winners by personally delivering or sending in their names, ages, and stories to editors of both local news and sports sections of secular and diocesan newspapers. Send press releases to radio and TV stations and local access cable news programs.

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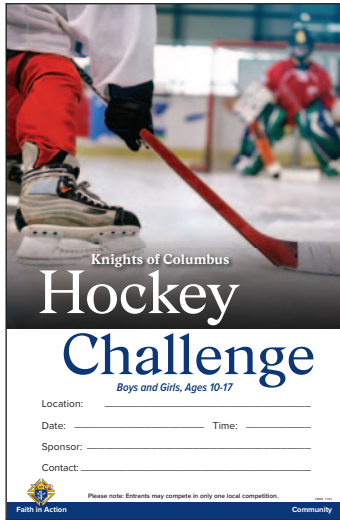
Contact local high schools and college athletic departments about the possibility of holding your Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge prior to a game and then presenting awards to champions between periods. If there is a professional or semipro franchise in your area, contact its public relations office to see if arrangements can be made to honor winners of your competition between periods of a game. Also, approach teams about the possibility of getting players to present awards to your champions. Local sports teams, including sports other than hockey, may also be willing to donate uniforms, autographed memorabilia and other items as awards or prizes for your champions.



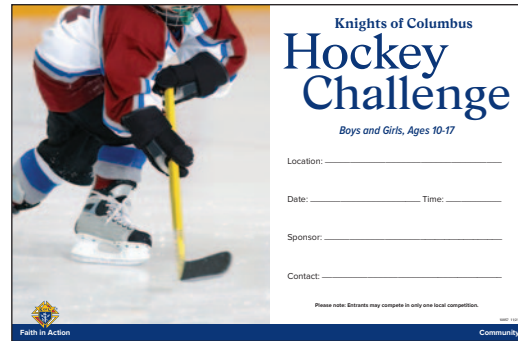
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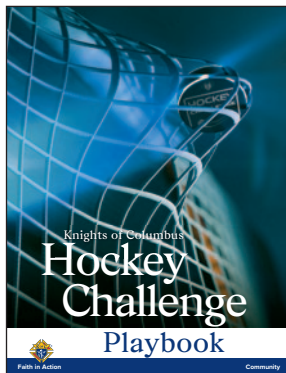
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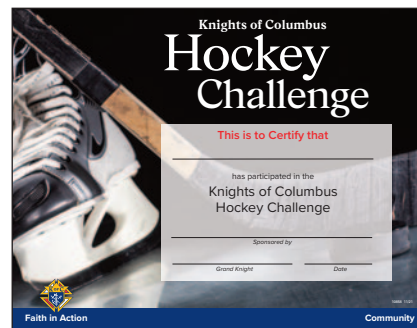
Hockey Challenge Playbook
(#10853)

 A form for the Hockey Challenge Entry Form & Score Sheet. It includes fields for Council No., District, and Regional. Below these are sections for "This Section To Be Completed By Parent/Guardian" and "This Section To Be Completed By C-Officials". The form includes a table for recording scores and goals for various teams and officials. At the bottom, it includes the "Faith in Action" and "Community" logos.

Hockey Challenge Entry Form &
Score Sheet (#10854)



Hockey Challenge Winner Certificate
(#10859)



Hockey Challenge Participation Certificate
(#10858)

Promotional

The Supreme Council through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online in the United States and Knightsgear.ca in Canada has several promotional items available designed to enhance your competition!



PUCK

Full weight rubber puck with direct print on front and one color logo on the back. Available in English and French.
(HC-2)



STREET HOCKEY BALL

Custom Knights of Columbus Street Hockey ball is a soft, plastic, bright orange ball, 2" in diameter and perfect for gym floors or streets branded with the Knights logo. Available in English and French.
(HC-3)



PLAQUE

9" x 12" Black Gloss Wood Plaque with Direct Imprint of Hockey Challenge Art. Black Engraving Plate (that lasers to Gold) attached to back for local engraving. Hole routed in back for hanging on wall. 14 Plaques per set. Available in English and French.
(HC-4)



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