

# Faith, Family, Fútbol

## OVERVIEW

Gather fellow Knights, parishioners, friends and families for this summer's international soccer games! Councils are invited to set up a 2026 Summer Soccer Challenge, host a watch party and organize a membership drive in their community.

Councils that exemplify at least 3 members between June 1 and July 31 and host a 2026 Summer Soccer Challenge event will receive a special edition t-shirt for two members of their choice. Summer Soccer Challenge winners will also be selected as state champions and receive t-shirts.

## ACTION STEPS

1. Talk to your pastor to develop a plan.
2. Find/reserve the venue and equipment needed.
3. Test the equipment such as projector, Wi-Fi, laptops, streaming service, etc.
4. Decide whether the council will provide food for the watch party or if families will participate in a potluck.
5. Ensure the council or parish has the necessary equipment for the Soccer Challenge and membership drive (soccer balls, *Soccer Challenge Playbook* (#4576), *Entry Forms* (#11964), *Membership Enrollment Forms* (#11881), etc.).
6. Promote and host the watch party and 2026 Summer Soccer Championship for the youth in the parish and community.
  - During the event, organize a membership drive using Knights of Columbus resources to welcome new men into the Order.
7. Following the Summer Soccer Challenge event, submit Entry/Score Sheet #11964 to [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org) to receive credit for participating. If your council exemplifies three members and submits a completed form between June 1 - July 31, you will automatically qualify to receive two t-shirts for the members of your choice.



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# Knights of Columbus 2026 Summer Soccer Challenge



## EVENT PURPOSE

A youth penalty kick accuracy competition for boys and girls ages 9–14.

## KEY REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ **Eligibility:** Boys & girls ages 9–14
  - Age Breakdown 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
- ▶ **Shots:** 15 attempts at the goal.
- ▶ **Distances:**
  - Ages 9–11 → 10 yards
  - Ages 12–14 → 12 yards
- ▶ **Scoring Grid:**
  - Upper corners: 20 pts
  - Lower corners: 10 pts
  - Center: 5 pts
  - Refer to the [Soccer Challenge Guidebook](#) (#4576) for how to set up the goal
- ▶ **Forms:** [Entry/Score Sheet](#) (#11964) – Each Child

## VOLUNTEER ROLES

- ▶ **Registration:** Sign ins
- ▶ **Scorers:** Record points per shot
- ▶ **Ball Retrievers:** Help keep things moving

## REPORTING

Submit the winning entry form for each age category, for both boys and girls, to [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org) by July 31st. The highest score in each jurisdiction will receive a special Soccer Challenge T-shirt. **Please be sure to include the child's shirt size on their report form to ensure the correct size if named State Champion.**