



Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania Faith in Action—Community State Soccer Challenge 2021

In preparing for the State Soccer Challenge, I wish to share the following information and ask that you begin to plan for your local and regional events.

PURPOSE

The soccer challenge is open to all youth ages 9 to 14 through a penalty kick competition. It is designed to have the youth demonstrate their skills in the penalty kick. Councils should order the Soccer Challenge Kit (SC-KIT) through Supplies Online and utilize the guidelines outlined in the “Faith in Action” manual. Please make certain that you have the proper score sheets and reporting forms which can be obtained from the Soccer Challenge Kit and/or on line at the K of C website.

IMPORTANT DATES

Suggested time frame would be: Local Competition early to mid-October. Regional Competition: mid-late October

Local and Regional Competitions must be completed prior to the State competition the weekend of November 13 – 14, 2021.

We are planning to conduct the State Soccer Challenge:

Date:	November 13, 2021
Time:	12:00 Registration; 1:00 Competition
Location:	TBD

LOGISTICS

Councils should promote the Soccer Challenge in Schools, Soccer Associations and through the media via a press release. In addition, Church Bulletin announcements as well as Pulpit Announcements are additional effective tools to promote the event. You may also wish to use Parish/Council websites and social media to “spread the word”.

Councils should work with and coordinate with district and regional leadership (DD’s) to select when regional competitions will be conducted and locations for the event. Contestants should be pre-registered but is not required.

Please notify Mike DeLucia or John Cocco of the date and location of the Regional Soccer Challenge by NO LATER that September 1, 2021. This will allow us to plan accordingly and have the trophies distributed prior to your regional event.

The following should be taking place in order for all Councils to be prepared to conduct Local events and for our District Deputies to conduct the regional events.

- Select a Local/Regional Venue to conduct the respective competitions
- Contact Local/Regional officials in regards to the ability to conduct a competition based on any COVID 19 restrictions
- Contact and obtain necessary permissions to conduct an outside event within their restrictions/guidelines for such event
- Reach out to Schools/Soccer Associations (or organizations that they have used in the past) to advertise and promote the local/Regional events
- Prepare to conduct their events according to the guidelines established in the "Faith in Action" manual
- Be certain that all Knights assisting at the event meet the appropriate security and Child protection requirements as established by Supreme
- Organize and assign responsibilities to Brother Knights and families to conduct the local/regional events.
- Prepare in advance all social distancing requirements and announce such to the Councils and Competitors prior to the competition.
- Advertise the event in the Community
- Promote Brotherhood and Membership during the Event

Upon completion of the event please send the appropriate paperwork to the next level. The Local competitions should send the winner to the Regional Competition which should be conducted by the Regional District Deputies. There is no longer a birth certificate requirement so therefore it is not necessary to request the competitors to have a validation of age. (It is an honor system).

POST EVENT PROCEDURES

Once the regional competitions are completed the forms MUST be sent to State Deputy Community Director at the following address (I must have original documentation):

Mike DeLucia
Deputy Community Director
16 Wynmere Drive
Horsham, PA 19044

All paperwork MUST be RECEIVED by me no later than Monday, November 9, 2020.

Please send your forms either via UPS, Fed Ex or via a delivery service. **If you send your forms via USPS please send them return receipt requested so that you have a record that they were received.** Any forms not received by the deadline unfortunately cannot be considered.

I would also suggest that you send an email to me at mikedelucia@msn.com informing me the forms were sent and by what type of delivery.

If you need forms or additional guidelines, please consult the Faith in Action Guide located on the Supreme Website under Faith in Action/Community programs.