

Youth Hockey Shot Challenge Host Guide

This guide provides Knights of Columbus councils with step-by-step instructions for hosting a Youth Hockey Shot Challenge in collaboration with local youth hockey associations.

Step 1: Registration

- Register your council with a local youth hockey association as the supporting Knights partner.
- Registration is free at **hockeychallenge.org**.
- Councils should register early to allow enough time to organize their event and submit finalists before the **December 31st deadline**.
- Each association counts as a “council-level competition.”

Step 2: Volunteers & Equipment

You will need:

- A standard goalie shooter tutor
- At least one volunteer judge (two recommended for scoring and organization)
- Helpers to retrieve stray pucks
- A chalk block or tape to mark shooting lines
- Registration forms for each participant

Step 3: Rink Setup

- Mark shooting zones by snapping 10-foot lines outward from points 3 feet to the side and 12 feet in front of the net on each side.
- This creates two official shooting areas.
- Ensure clear separation if running multiple shot stations simultaneously.

Step 4: Scoring System

- 1 point: Large/easy openings
- 2 points: Medium openings
- 3 points: Small precision opening (usually middle target)
- Clearly explain the scoring zones to all challengers before they begin.

Step 5: Safety Rules

- All challengers must wear at least a helmet and skates.
- Shots must be released before crossing the infraction line. Any shot taken after crossing is disqualified.
- Players may skate through the line, but the puck must leave the stick before crossing.

Step 6: Competition Format

- Each contestant gets **3 practice shots**, but only if confirmed by a judge. Otherwise, attempts count toward scoring.
- Each contestant then takes **15 shots**, grouped into five-shot rounds.
- In case of a tie:

1. Players shoot 5 rounds each from a middle line (15 feet from the net).
2. If still tied, players alternate one shot each until a winner is determined.

Step 7: Event Flow

- Keep participants organized in line with completed registration forms.
- A volunteer at center ice should confirm forms and manage the line.
- One contestant typically takes 3–5 minutes. More volunteers = smoother event.
- Large events may run multiple stations—ensure equal equipment and fair judging.

Additional Resources

Visit **hockeychallenge.org** for:

- Full program rules and regulations
- Event planning resources
- Volunteer training tools
- Program updates and statistics

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