

Worthy District Deputies, Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Worthy Officers:
From: Kelly Brown, Chairman, State Free Throw Championship/State Soccer Challenge

The following is important information regarding the upcoming 2026 Free Throw Championship Program. Your local free throw events will need to begin in January in order to roll out a successful program in preparation for the State Championship in March.

Pennsylvania State Free Throw Championship will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Registration starts at: 12:00 Noon. State competition begins at: 1:00PM. The event will be held at:

St. Joseph School-Council #12788
420 East Simpson St.
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

TIMELINE-Recommended timeframes for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship are:
Council Championship-January
District Championship-February
Regional Championship-February/March
State/Jurisdictional-March

Some key items to consider:

1. **No identification** is needed for participants. **Birth certificates are no longer needed. The date of birth provided on the entry form/scoring sheet and the parent or guardian's signature is adequate.**
2. Select a chairman for your Free Throw Championship.
3. Review the Free Throw Championship materials on the Supreme website.
<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/free-throw-championship/10615-free-throw-guidesheet.pdf>
4. Use Free Throw Championship Entry Form/Score Sheet #1598. **Dated 03/23.** Available online. **Work to create legible entry forms. Old forms lack email & council spaces.**
5. **Promote the event and next steps for winners. Date, time and location in writing.**
6. Train all Knights and volunteers involved on the Free Throw Championship Playbook and Scoring Sheet. Council 15 free throws. **25 consecutive free throws all other levels.**
7. Ensure two Knights are Safe Environment compliant at each event.
8. Work to reserve your basketball courts now. Many of us have very active youth basketball leagues.
9. Order your free throw council plaques, district medallions (District Deputies) now.
10. Photograph the events as they progress.
11. Use each level of the Free Throw Championship to recruit new members.
12. Send winning Free Throw Championship Entry Form/Score Sheets (#1598) to the next level of competition. Region winner scoring sheets should be sent to Kelly Brown, no later than March 10, 2026. Due to time constraints, region winner forms can be scanned and emailed to Kelly Brown at: kbbrown79@hotmail.com. Time permitting, forms can be mailed to: Kelly Brown, St. Joseph Parish, 2935 Kingston Road, York, PA 17402. Questions regarding council, district, region or state competition: Please call, text or email Kelly brown at: (717) 668-0509 or kbbrown79@hotmail.com.