

Advancement

Local Lodge Contest winners earn the right to advance to district or state competitions. Lodges are encouraged to work with the contestant and their parents to attend these events. Registration for a State Soccer Shoot could include a cookout or pizza party the evening before the competition or following the event. Awards should be presented at a suitable banquet following the competition. Recognition of the winners can also be made at the State Convention with the winning contestants and their parents attending.

Winners of the State Contest earn the right to advance to the Area/Regional Contest. If a state does not participate in an Area/Regional Soccer Shoot, then the state will default to a "Virtual Region." The highest scores in each age and gender group in each area/region will advance to the Elks Virtual National Soccer Shoot.

Contestants who have the highest scores in each age/gender group from each area/region will have their scores compared to others in their respective age/gender groups to determine a National Champion.

Each State & Area/Regional Contest Director is requested to complete the State or Regional Contest Report Form and submit it to the GL Activities Committee's Soccer Shoot Coordinator. Forms are available on the Activities Committee page of Elks.org.

Winners will be announced in April of each year and will receive suitable recognition.

Program Adaptations

The Soccer Shoot Program is easily adaptable to elementary and middle school physical education activities. Parks and recreation departments can add the program to their summer activities.

Soccer Shoot can be held as an indoor or outdoor contest. Don't forget to invite youth groups and other organizations such as Scouts, Boys & Girls Clubs, and church groups in your community to participate. You can even hold qualifying events for each group with the winners advancing to the Local Lodge Contest.

Rules & Information

All official rules, regulations, and forms for the Soccer Shoot Program can be found in the most recent version of the Elks Soccer Shoot Manual and on Elks.org.

Please review this manual with your Soccer Shoot Committee before you hold your event. If you should have any questions regarding the program, you can contact your District or State Soccer Shoot Chairperson to answer any questions.

If you have any questions or if you need more information on the program, please contact your Area Representative of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee or the Committee's Soccer Shoot Coordinator.

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Liability Insurance

What should the Lodge do if the owner of the property where an Elks Soccer Shoot is being held requires proof of Liability Insurance? Call the administrators of the Elks Insurance Programs, Gallagher Insurance — Elks Insurance Team — at (800) 421-3557 or e-mail: ggb.elksinsurance@ajg.com.

Gallagher Insurance will issue a Certificate of Liability Insurance that will satisfy the property owner's requirements. When you contact Gallagher Insurance, they will first ask for your Lodge number. The purpose is to connect you with the correct team member. Gallagher Insurance will require the following information:

- ✓ Date of the Soccer Shoot
- ✓ Location of the Soccer Shoot
- ✓ Name of the property owner
- ✓ Name and address of the Certificate Holder, i.e., school district, city, etc.
- ✓ Does the Certificate Holder need to be named as Additional Insured?

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks General Liability Policy provides General Liability Insurance for Elks activities on or away from owned or leased premises. This policy will respond to Bodily Injury and/or Property Damage, subject to the policy terms and conditions.

The Master Liability Insurance Program includes as named insured the Grand Lodge, State Associations (except for major projects) and all Local Lodges of the Order.

Gallagher Insurance requests that you call at least ten (10) days prior to the event to ensure sufficient mailing time.

ELKS SOCCER SHOOT PROGRAM



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"SOCCER—It's A Kick!" "SOCCER—It's A Kick!" "SOCCER—It's A Kick!"

Soccer is one of America’s fastest-growing sports. With its popularity, it is natural for the Elks to offer a youth program that allows children to show their skills and to compete against their peers.

The Elks Soccer Shoot Program uses two separate competitions that appeal to different skill levels. The Five Goal Contest is for children under the age of eight and the Grid Goal Contest is for participants between the ages of eight and fifteen.

The Elks Soccer Shoot Program offers children and teens an alternative to the culture of drugs and peer pressure. This competition provides an opportunity for young people to measure their skill level and reach attainable goals.

The program has been in existence for many years and is popular with children and their parents. The program is managed by Grand Lodge Activities Committee along with other youth programs such as Junior Golf, Scouting, Student/Teenager of the Month/Year, the Jr. ROTC Program, National Youth Week, and the Antlers Program.

There shall be four (4) or five (5) age groups for the contests:

- Age 7 and under [U-8]
- Ages 8 and 9 [U-10]
- Ages 10 and 11 [U-12]
- Ages 12 and 13 [U-14]
- Ages 14 and 15 [U-16] (Optional)

Age is determined by the age of the contestants as of **January 1, the year the local contest is held.**

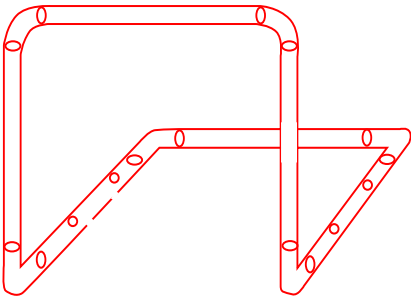
Five Goal Contest

The Five Goal Contest consists of a series of five goal targets, each with decreasing width. Those widths start at forty-eight (48) inches wide, followed by a goal forty (40) inches wide, then thirty-four (34) inches wide, then twenty-six (26) inch wide, and then seventeen (17) inches wide. All of the goals have a height of twenty-six (26) inches.

The age group for this contest is U-8, which includes all ages seven years old and younger. The contest is open to both girls and boys. Contestants kick from a line fifteen (15) feet from the face of the goal. A size 4 soccer ball will be used for this age group.

Scoring is based on a point system assigned to each goal depending on difficulty:

- 48” goal — 1 point
- 40” goal — 2 points
- 34” goal — 3 points
- 26” goal — 4 points
- 17” goal — 5 points



A goal is scored when the soccer ball passes through and completely clears the front of the goal. One non-scoring kick for practice is taken followed by three kicks for score at each goal. A total of forty-five (45) points are possible.

The Five Goal Contest lets the youngest participants (U-8) build their confidence as they advance.

Grid Goal Contest

A grid is attached to a regulation full-size soccer goal measuring twenty-four (24) feet across and eight (8) feet tall. The vertical divisions are located five (5) feet in from each edge and the horizontal dividers are two (2) feet from the top and eighteen (18) inches from the ground. Diagrams and directions for constructing the grids are available in the Elks Soccer Shoot Manual available on Elks.org.

The age groups that use this goal are divided into four categories: U-10 for ages of eight and nine, U-12 for ages ten and eleven, U-14 for ages twelve and thirteen, and optionally U-16 for ages fourteen and fifteen. The contest is open to both boys and girls in their respective age groups.

The groups kick from different positions and use different-sized balls. The U-10 group uses a size 4 ball and kicks from eighteen (18) feet from the goal line. The U-12 group shoots with a size 4 ball and kicks from twenty-seven (27) feet from the goal line.

The U-14 and U-16 groups use the size 5 ball and kick from thirty-six (36) feet from the goal line.

Scoring is based on a point system assigned to each opening in the grid:

Goal

5	4	5
3	2	3
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Across Bottom 1 point per successful shot
Middle Center. 2 points per successful shot
Middle Ends 3 points per successful shot
Top Center 4 points per successful shot
Top Ends (corners). . . 5 points per successful shot

Each contestant is permitted up to three (3) warm-up kicks at the grid and shall then kick fifteen (15) shots at the goal for score. A maximum of seventy-five (75) points is possible.

This contest helps to develop more advanced skills, such as elevating and directing the flight of the ball to achieve a higher score.

Both contests have a common objective: Allow children and teens to have fun and stay engaged with positive, character-building activities.