

To: Exalted Rulers and Lodge Soccer Shoot Chairmen

From: James L. McIntyre, Jr., PSP

Soccer season is coming to a close and hopefully all lodges have completed their local soccer shoots. Packets containing the necessary information and rules were distributed at the Mid-Year Convention. Further information can be found in the soccer shoot manual available from the Grand Lodge website.

You must complete your local shoot by the end of October. Please be aware that contestants **should** compete in their own age group. They **can** move up to an older group if necessary to fill open slots, but they must then compete at that level at the state shoot unless their lodges designated winner at the shooter's proper age group cannot attend. Only one shooter from a lodge can compete in each category, and in no case can a shooter compete in a group younger than the shooter's actual age group. Proper grouping is determined by the contestant's age as of **January 1st, 2017**.

The State Shoot is scheduled to be held at the Elite Sports Center in Parkersburg, WV on **November 4th, 2017**. Registration will begin at 1:00 PM and the shoot at 2:00. It is an indoor facility with field turf and is the same location we have used the past several years. Please note that turf shoes rather than cleats are highly recommended and are required for those advancing to the Mid-Atlantic Regional being held in March of 2018. The address is:

Elite Sports Center
2000 1st Avenue
Parkersburg, WV 26101
Phone: (304) 485-8433

When you have completed your local shoot, please send me the results on the forms provided in the packet given out at the Mid-Year Convention. This will make it much easier to pre-register your winners for the State Shoot and help in the statistical reporting vital to our funding. My address is:

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You can also scan your completed forms and send them to me at mcjimintyre@frontier.com.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me at (304) 652-3103 or by e-mail at the address above.

Fraternally,
Jim McIntyre, PSP, Soccer Shoot Chairman