

## Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Christopher Newport University

*Section 1.* Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Christopher Newport University associated with national affiliate Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

### Purpose

*Section 1:* The mission of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is “to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.”

### Membership

*Section 1:* As the purpose states, FCA is targeted at reaching athletes and coaches. In order to best reach this group through the Huddle, participants of Huddles are to be current or former members of recognized school athletic teams and those who carry an interest in athletics. FCA should not become an exclusive “club/” with restricted membership; however, a key principle in FCA’s strategy for reaching “athletes and coaches” is for the commonality of athletics with those in the group to remain obvious.

*Fellowship of Christian Athletes shall not have any prospective or current member for the purpose of admission into or affiliation with the organization. Members of FCA are free to leave or dissociate without fear of retribution or harassment. FCA shall not discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, age, national origin, disability and sexual orientation.*

### *Section 2:* Categories of Membership

Active members (students and coaches). Only active student members allowed to vote.

### *Section 3:* Qualifications and Privileges

Qualifications: must be a full-time student at Christopher Newport University.

### *Section 4:* Selection process: n/a

### *Section 5:* Removal procedures: n/a

### Meetings

*Section 1.* Meetings will be held weekly or twice a month and can be conducted in an atmosphere where fellowship, growth and outreach can be accomplished.

*Section 2.* Welcome; introduction of leaders and prayer, Warm Up: ice breaker and worship music , Work Out; reading and review/ discussion of Bible versus, Wrap Up; review and application to daily life, worship music, and prayer.

*Section 3:* The Quorum will consist of at least 15 members present.

*Section 4:* 9 out of the 15 members must agree on decision.

### Dues

*Section 1 & 2:* Appropriate amount of money will be contributed by each member prior to special events. Funding will also come from National affiliate of FCA.

### *Elections or Selection of Officers*

*Section 1:* Elections of officers will be held once a year, preferably during March or April. This will allow newly elected officers to be trained by the existing officers and have opportunity to attend FCA Leadership Camp in the summer. Potential officer candidates will be screened by existing officers and Huddle Coach to ensure their commitments to FCA's beliefs and mission. A majority vote will be necessary from the current leaders for an officer to be elected.

### **Officers**

#### *Section 1. Captains*

*Section 2:* An officer must be a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Christopher Newport University, a National FCA Teammate, in agreement with FCA's Statement of Faith and mission and meet any qualifications set by the school for holding office in an organization that is consistent with FCA's mission and beliefs. Only full time student athletes may serve as officers, must be believers in Jesus Christ.

#### *Section 3: Duties of Officers*

Captains: Plan weekly Huddles, Lead Bible Studies, Organize events, and weekly leadership meetings.

*Section 4:* If Captains are not fulfilling their said duties or their commitment comes into question for any reason, a meeting will be held with all leaders and adviser to deal with situation appropriately.

### **Adviser**

*Section 1:* Christopher Newport University requires a faculty adviser. See adviser contract for more details.

*Section 2:* Weekly meetings with leadership team, attendance at weekly Huddles, and understanding of financial responsibilities.

*"The adviser shall work closely with the organization in coordinating activities to ensure that they are conducted in compliance with Christopher Newport University policies and the laws of the United States of America, and Commonwealth of Virginia, and the city of Newport News."*

*Section 3:* Adviser will be the regional employee of the national affiliate of Christopher Newport University.

*Section 4:* If adviser does not fulfill said duties a meeting will be held with the leaders to discuss an appropriate resolution.

### **Responsibilities**

*"The organization will adhere to university policies and all local state and federal laws."*

### **Amendments**

*Section 1:* Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any National member. Amendments shall become effective if approved by two-thirds vote of the organization. All policies of the said group must be consistent with the policies of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Home Office, 8701 Leeds Road, Kansas City, MO 64129, (800) 289-0909 or (816) 921-0909.

Section 2: Any revisions to the constitution and/or by-laws must be reviewed by the Office of Student Activities.