

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) BYLAWS

Article I. - Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Clarion University Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)**.

Article II. - Purpose

The national mission statement of FCA is “to present to athletes and coaches and to 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.” Our local chapter of FCA at Clarion University of Pennsylvania seeks to uphold this mission.

FCA at Clarion University of Pennsylvania will also seek to serve the University's athletic community - athletes, coaches, and fans through the following avenues:

- Engaging members (regardless of their religious beliefs) in Bible discussions on a variety of topics, inviting speakers to challenge and motivate members, and offering a variety of other events (i.e. lectures, seminars, and conferences). There will be an emphasis on athletics and will use athletes and coaches.
- Giving members the opportunity to enter discussion about Christian faith with other athletes, students, coaches, and community members.
- Creating an atmosphere of unity, friendship, and support in the community of athletics at Clarion University.

Article III. - Membership

Section 1. FCA is a group open to all willing to attend, with a focus on varsity and club men and women collegiate athletes, and those who show an interest in athletics. There are no official requirements in gaining membership. Membership is defined only in terms of personal involvement and participation.

Section 2. To be a member of FCA, dues are not required. Any money that members wish to donate to FCA would be used as supplemental costs to help in ways that Student Senate is unable.

Section 3. Members may be dismissed if there is any inappropriate behavior during meetings and events, determined by majority vote.

Article IV. - Duties and elections of the officers.

Section 1. Fellowship of Christian Athletes will consist of a president, vice president, and other leadership members.

President will be responsible for the following but it is not limited to:

- Delegate the responsibilities for the weekly fellowship group meetings
- Plan the weekly leadership team meeting with an advisor
- Attend (or assign someone to attend) all meetings required by the University.

Vice President will be responsible for the following but it is not limited to:

- Handle all budget related matters
- Assist the president with his or her job when needed

Other leadership team members will be responsible for the following but it is not limited to:

- Help to coordinate events
- Brainstorm ways to connect with athletic teams (varsity and club)
- Organize service projects and special trips
- Assist with planning weekly FCA meetings

Section 2. In order to be on the leadership team, a student must complete an application and undergo an interview.

- i. Prospective leaders will complete an application that will be reviewed by the current leadership team. The prospective leaders will then undergo an interview with a current leader and an advisor.
- ii. If a current leader would like to apply again, he or she will then re-apply and then undergo an interview with another leader and an advisor.

After all interviews are completed, in a closed meeting, the current leadership team will decide which applying members will be on the leadership team. Then in a special meeting, selected members from the approved leadership can come and vote for the position of President and Vice-President. This process will take place at the end of the fall semester. The new leadership team will assume their position starting the following spring semester.

Article V. - Role of Advisors

Section 1. The campus advisor will be a faculty or staff member of Clarion University. He or she will be selected by the leadership team. This person will fulfill the university's requirements of an advisor. While FCA works in partnership with Koinonia Community Board, they will have a campus ministry staff member advisor as well. The campus ministry staff member will be elected by the student leaders and community board. This individual will help coordinate weekly meetings with the president, disciple the leadership team, and help with event planning.

Section 2. The advisors do not have any voting rights. The advisor and campus ministry staff member will work with the leadership team in the execution of their duties as outlined in the Constitution. The advisor and campus ministry staff member have the ability to lead at the weekly fellowship group meeting if the student leadership deems it appropriate.

Article VI. - Meetings

Section 1. FCA will meet weekly when Clarion University is in session for its fall and spring semesters. The meetings will consist of prayer, Biblical discussions, and mutual encouragement of those in attendance.

Section 2. Statement of Quorum: Fifty percent of members in good standing plus one.

Section 3. FCA format will be decided on by the appointed leadership team. The format and structure may change on the weekly basis using discernment based on the needs of the given group.

Section 4. If there needs to be a special meeting, the leadership will make an announcement at least a week prior to the meeting.

Article VII. - Finances and Funding

Section 1. FCA does not require dues of its members. However, members are welcome to give additional monies to the budget of FCA.

Section 2. Each year, FCA will submit a budget to Student Senate for approval.

Section 3. To help with costs for conferences, service projects, etc., FCA will fundraise throughout the year and work in partnership with Koinonia Community Board.

Article VIII. - Amending, Suspending, and Accepting

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed to the leadership team. The team may adopt a proposal only by at least fifty percent plus one of members of FCA. When the proposal has been passed by the leadership team, Student Senate will recommend to the Vice President of Student & University Affairs and the President of Clarion University for approval of the amendment in order for the amendment to become effective.

Article IX. - Ratification

These Bylaws, and its amendments, shall become effective upon ratification by the members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and following the approval of the Student Senate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, the Vice President for Student & University Affairs, and the President of Clarion University.