

Aims:

- To introduce what a Sports Chaplain is.
- To define the role of a Sports Chaplain.
- To identify the key characteristics of a Sports Chaplain.
- To give examples of how Sports Chaplains can benefit sporting communities.

Vision:

To see sports chaplains serving with excellence in every sports community worldwide.

Mission:

To encourage, equip, and establish Sports Chaplaincy for the well-being of all those in the global sports community.

Purpose:

That every person involved in sport around the world has access to a sports chaplain.

Defining characteristics:

Sports Chaplains serve all sports people, providing pastoral and spiritual care wherever sports are played to people of all faiths and to people of no faith.

A Sports Chaplain is not essentially:

- A Sports Fan
- A Sports Psychologist
- A Sports Coach
- A Counselor

Sports Chaplains represent the Lord Jesus' presence and compassion with sports people.

Important Values for Sports Chaplains to embrace include:

- Sacrifice
- A relational approach
- Humility
- Confidentiality
- Presence
- Discretion
- Discernment

The Profile of a potential Sports Chaplain:

- A Servant's Heart
- A Pastor's Heart

- Christian Character and Maturity
- Biblically trained
- Committed to a local church
- Passion for Sport and Sports People
- Willingness to receive basic training and supervision

We see Sports Chaplains as serving in these areas of sport:

- Teams (of every sport, both genders, and at every level of competition)
- Clubs – provides various pastoral services to different categories of people within the club.
- Major Sporting Events (of every sport, local, national, regional, and global in scope)
- Individual Mentoring (one to one relationships with sportspeople)
- Touring Sports (e.g. motor racing, golf, tennis, surfing, etc.)

We seek to develop Sports Chaplaincy via these equipping channels:

- Training (online, in print, in person, in seminars, etc.)
- Sports Chaplaincy Entities (various sports ministries who train sports chaplains in their spheres of influence)

The importance of having a Sports Chaplain to serve in a Sport Organization includes:

- The sports chaplain selflessly serves players, coaches, and support personnel.
- The sports chaplain can provide personal care and resources to teams and to individuals.
- The sports chaplain is someone who can be trusted with confidential information to provide counsel and care.
- The sports chaplain unconditionally accepts individual people from any background.

The benefits of having a Sports Chaplain to serve a Sport Organization:

- The sports chaplain serves as a mentor to help guide the lives of those served.
- The sports chaplain is a valuable resource in times of challenge or crisis.
- The sports chaplain provides long-term relational stability.
- The sports chaplain adds value to the sports organization.

The Uniqueness of Sports Chaplaincy:

- Sports Chaplaincy crosses all barriers of Religion, Ethnicity, and Colour.
- Sports Chaplaincy helps reach the largest number of people in the shortest possible time.

- Sports Chaplaincy is a non-threatening way of sharing the good news of Christ Jesus.
- Sports Chaplaincy is a culturally relevant way of reaching sports loving people of the world.
- Sports Chaplaincy demonstrate Christ's love and mercy in new, creative, and innovative ways.
- Sports Chaplaincy has the potential to reach sports people of all ages and all sports over the world.
- Sports Chaplaincy partners with the church as it crosses all barriers of denomination.
- Sports Chaplaincy helps the Church to engage in the sporting community, engaging them in the life and support of the Church.

In summary:

Our vision is to see sports chaplains serving with excellence in every sports community worldwide.

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