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THE FCA VISION

To see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through
the influence of coaches and athletes.

THE FCA MISSION

To lead every coach and athlete into a growing
relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

VALUES

INTEGRITY SERVING TEAMWORK EXCELLENCE



**FELLOWSHIP OF
CHRISTIAN
ATHLETES**



FCA CHARACTER COACH

WHAT IS AN “FCA CHARACTER COACH”?

**“ABOVE ALL ELSE, GUARD YOUR HEART FOR IT IS THE
WELLSPRING OF LIFE.”**

PROVERBS 4:23

This ancient wisdom still holds true! If anyone knows this, it is the coach. The content of a player's heart will eventually play itself out in some way. One of the most important roles coaches play in preparing players for competition and life is to give them a chance to develop good character.

We expect a game plan for coaching the x's and o's of our sport. What isn't always clear is how to coach character. Individuals who are serving teams in the capacity of Character Coach or Chaplain have been around for 100-plus years. Our military learned, as far back as the Revolutionary War, that during time of war, Chaplains were critical to counsel and motivate fighting men. As you prepare your athletes for the battle of competition, a Character Coach that comes alongside you to serve you is a time-tested game plan of success.

WHAT DOES AN “FCA CHARACTER COACH” LOOK LIKE?

Character Coaches /Chaplains could take on a number of different roles, but listed here are many of the common ones.

- Lead and coordinate character clinics/speaking opportunities.
- Provide personal care to players, coaches, and support staff.
- Alert the coach to critical issues that could affect his/her program.
- Be available and equipped at all times to help in crisis situations.
- Provide training and resources for character development and life management skills.
- Pray for, encourage and exhort players, coaches, coaches' families, and support staff.

WHO ARE “ FCA CHARACTER COACHES”

A wide variety of people can serve the people of sport as Character Coaches. A person doesn't need to be a sport ministry professional to faithfully serve and significantly impact the lives of this underserved people group. Among those who could serve in these roles are:

- Parents of players (School based teams or club sports).
- Former high school, college, or professional athletes.
- Business/ Community leaders with interest in ministry through sports.
- Athletic trainers or other support personnel with sport teams.
- Ministers, youth ministers, or other members of church staff.

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE AN “ FCA CHARACTER COACH”?

FCA wants to provide teams with the best trained, most effective Character Coaches that they can be, so we have created a process:

1. Create a profile in VIP at fca.rosterfy.com
 2. Attend your local area's FCA Character Coach Training (breakfast/lunch).
 3. Contact and develop a relationship with an FCA staff member in your area for further training, encouragement, facilitation, and accountability.
- Communication with the FCA staff prior to the season for planning, prayer, resources, etc.
 - Communication with with the FCA staff during the season for encouragement, problem solving, and further direction.
 - Communication at the end of the season for evaluation, and reporting of results etc.

HOW DO I GET STARTED ?

Getting started is easy. Simply contact your local staff person. You can find contact information for your local FCA office on the back page of this brochure.