

Aims:

- To provide a Code of Ethics, a Standard of Conduct, and a Statement of Values for Sports Chaplains to follow so that they are trustworthy and accountable

Code of Ethics

1. Chaplains are to be committed Christians who are active members of a local church in regular attendance.
2. Chaplains are to ensure a regular and reliable prayer group for their ministry.
3. Chaplains treat all persons with dignity and respect.
4. Chaplains serve all persons without discrimination regardless of religion, faith group, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, age or disability.
5. Chaplains affirm the religious and spiritual freedom of all persons and refrain from imposing doctrinal positions or spiritual practices on persons whom they encounter in their roles. However the Christian chaplain is always prepared to give an account for the Christian faith within the parameters allowed by the IOC/LOC.
6. Chaplains do not condone or support unlawful discrimination against colleagues or others with whom they have contact in their roles.
7. Chaplains are accountable for maintaining the integrity of their relationships. They will not use their position with, or knowledge of, another for personal gain. They shall refrain from emotional, financial, sexual or any other form of exploitation.
8. Chaplains do not engage in sexual misconduct. Sexual misconduct includes sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and sexual harassment. Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, sexual advances; requests for sexual favors; verbal, physical or visual conduct of a sexual nature; any pattern of behavior that would be perceived as sexual misconduct.
9. Chaplains follow professional ethics regarding client confidentiality, sharing private information about those whom they serve only according to those ethics.
10. Chaplains conduct themselves with integrity in all their professional relationships including those whom they serve, their colleagues, and the organization that they serve.

11. Chaplains accurately represent their qualifications and affiliations.
12. Chaplains maintain accurate and current records, finances, or other documents required in the course of their ministry.
13. Chaplains maintain ongoing personal growth and development in theology, spirituality, leadership skills, and others areas that enhance their ministry proficiency.
14. Chaplains make referrals or obtain consultations, in a timely manner, when in the best interests of those served.

Standards of Conduct

1. Meet with another Christian on a regular basis for encouragement and accountability.
2. Be personally accountable for their conduct to their sports governing authority and respect and seek to observe the rules and regulations.
3. Seek the guidance and clearance of the sport's governing authority to exercise their chaplaincy role.
4. Seek to make contact with the sport leadership initially upon their arrival at each meeting/event.
5. Seek to safeguard the neutrality of their role by avoiding excessive partiality towards any particular group in their care.
6. Be careful not to be critical of the sports organization's administrative or regular team practices.
7. Be a help to sports people and avoid taking sides in disputes or negotiations.
8. When offered, graciously receive passes, uniforms and benefits, and avoid undue requests for additional privileges for self or others.
9. Chaplains should refrain from taking advantage of their privileged position. Avoid using or permitting others to use the chaplain's services to secure unfair personal or professional advantage.

Statement of Values

- To proclaim the Gospel
- To make Disciples
- To serve the local church
- In obedience to the Bible
- In and through sport
- In every country and every city
- We live as servants
- We work in teams
- We build partnerships