FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

BYLAWS

Adopted: 2026
Organization/Chapter: FCA
Location: Warner, OK

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**, hereafter referred to as **FCA**.

This organization exists to advance the mission of FCA by engaging coaches, athletes, students, and others in a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The purposes of FCA shall be:

1. To present Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to athletes, coaches, students, and the community.
2. To provide opportunities for Christian fellowship, discipleship, prayer, Bible study, worship, and spiritual growth.
3. To encourage Christian character, integrity, leadership, sportsmanship, service, and excellence.
4. To develop student and adult leaders who demonstrate Christian principles in athletics, education, and daily life.
5. To provide a positive environment where individuals can grow spiritually and build meaningful relationships.
6. To encourage members to use their gifts, talents, and athletic abilities to honor God and serve others.
7. To support and operate consistently with the mission, values, policies, and statement of faith of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

ARTICLE III — STATEMENT OF FAITH

FCA shall operate according to the following Christian beliefs:

1. The Bible is the inspired, authoritative Word of God and is the foundation for faith and Christian living.
2. There is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus Christ is the Son of God, fully God and fully human, who lived a sinless life, died for the sins of humanity, rose bodily from the dead, and is Lord and Savior.
4. Salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
5. The Holy Spirit works in the lives of believers, empowering them to live according to God's purposes.
6. Every person is created in the image of God and possesses inherent dignity and worth.
7. The Church is the body of Christ and is called to make disciples and serve others.
8. The Christian life should be characterized by faith, love, humility, integrity, service, self-discipline, and obedience to God.

FCA leaders shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the organization's Christian beliefs and mission.

ARTICLE IV — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership shall be open to athletes, coaches, students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and community members who support the purposes of FCA and agree to respect these bylaws.

Section 2. Active Members

Active members are individuals who regularly participate in FCA activities and support the organization's purpose.

Section 3. Equal Opportunity

FCA shall comply with applicable federal, state, local, school, and institutional requirements concerning nondiscrimination and equal access, while maintaining its religious identity and leadership requirements consistent with applicable law and FCA policy.

Section 4. Responsibilities of Members

Members are expected to:

- Treat others with respect and dignity.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and Christian character.
- Support FCA activities and programs.
- Respect the organization's statement of faith and mission.
- Maintain appropriate conduct at FCA events.
- Encourage and support fellow members.

ARTICLE V — LEADERSHIP

The leadership of FCA shall consist of the following officers, as applicable:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Chaplain/Prayer Coordinator
6. Outreach/Community Service Coordinator
7. Adult Advisor or Staff Representative

Additional leadership positions may be created as needed.

ARTICLE VI — OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. President

The President shall:

- Provide overall leadership to the organization.
- Preside over FCA meetings.
- Work with advisors and other officers to establish goals and programs.
- Coordinate leadership meetings.
- Represent FCA when appropriate.
- Ensure that activities are consistent with the organization's purpose and policies.

Section 2. Vice President

The Vice President shall:

- Assist the President.
- Assume the duties of the President when the President is unavailable.
- Coordinate committees and special projects.
- Assist with event planning and member engagement.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- Maintain accurate meeting minutes.
- Maintain membership and leadership records.
- Provide notices of meetings.
- Maintain official FCA documents.
- Handle correspondence as directed by the leadership team.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- Maintain accurate financial records.
- Track income and expenses.
- Prepare financial reports.
- Ensure expenditures are properly authorized.
- Assist with fundraising and budgeting.
- Safeguard organizational funds.

All financial activity shall comply with FCA, school, institutional, and applicable legal requirements.

Section 5. Chaplain/Prayer Coordinator

The Chaplain or Prayer Coordinator shall:

- Coordinate prayer opportunities.
- Encourage spiritual development among members.
- Assist with Bible studies, devotionals, and spiritual programming.
- Encourage members to support one another in prayer.

Section 6. Adult Advisor

The Adult Advisor shall:

- Provide guidance and mentorship to student leaders.
- Help ensure FCA activities comply with applicable policies.
- Assist with communication with school, community, parents, FCA staff, and other appropriate parties.

- Provide oversight of organizational activities and finances when required.

ARTICLE VII — ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. Elections

Officers shall be elected by the active membership or selected through a process approved by the chapter's advisor and FCA leadership, as applicable.

Section 2. Term

Officers shall serve for a term of **one year**, unless otherwise established by the chapter.

Officers may be reelected or reappointed if they continue to meet leadership requirements.

Section 3. Vacancies

If an office becomes vacant, the President, Advisor, or leadership team may appoint a qualified member to serve until the next regular election.

If the position of President becomes vacant, the Vice President shall assume the duties of President unless otherwise determined by the leadership team.

Section 4. Removal

An officer may be removed for:

- Failure to perform assigned responsibilities;
- Conduct inconsistent with FCA's mission or values;
- Violation of these bylaws or applicable policies;
- Misuse of organizational funds or property;
- Repeated failure to participate in FCA activities; or
- Other conduct determined to be detrimental to FCA.

Removal shall require appropriate review by the advisor and/or FCA leadership and should follow applicable FCA or institutional procedures.

ARTICLE VIII — MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings

FCA shall conduct regular meetings at times and locations determined by the leadership team.

Meetings may include:

- Prayer;
- Bible study;
- Worship;
- Testimonies;
- Fellowship;
- Leadership development;
- Guest speakers;
- Service projects; and
- Other activities consistent with FCA's mission.

Section 2. Leadership Meetings

The leadership team shall meet as needed to plan activities, address organizational matters, and evaluate FCA programs.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President, Advisor, or FCA leadership when necessary.

ARTICLE IX — COMMITTEES

The leadership team may establish committees or ministry teams as needed.

Possible committees include:

- Outreach and Evangelism
- Prayer
- Fellowship
- Community Service
- Fundraising
- Events
- Communications
- Leadership Development

Each committee shall operate under the direction of the FCA leadership team.

ARTICLE X — FINANCES

Section 1. Fiscal Responsibility

All FCA funds shall be used solely to advance the organization's mission and approved activities.

Section 2. Budget

The leadership team shall develop an annual budget when appropriate.

Section 3. Expenditures

All expenditures shall be approved according to FCA and applicable school/institutional financial policies.

Section 4. Fundraising

Fundraising activities may be conducted to support FCA programs, events, service projects, missions, scholarships, or other approved activities.

All fundraising shall comply with applicable laws, school policies, FCA policies, and donor restrictions.

Section 5. Financial Records

Accurate records of all income and expenses shall be maintained and made available for appropriate review.

No member or officer shall personally benefit from FCA funds except for legitimate reimbursement of approved expenses.

ARTICLE XI — PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

FCA may conduct programs and activities including:

1. Bible studies;
2. Prayer gatherings;
3. Athletic team outreach;
4. Fellowship events;
5. Leadership training;

6. Community service projects;
7. Camps and retreats;
8. Missions and service opportunities;
9. Guest speaker events;
10. Fundraising activities;
11. Athletic competitions and activities; and
12. Other activities consistent with FCA's mission.

All activities shall be conducted in a manner consistent with applicable safety, legal, school, institutional, and FCA requirements.

ARTICLE XII — CONDUCT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Members and leaders are expected to demonstrate conduct consistent with Christian character and the mission of FCA.

Conduct that may result in disciplinary action includes:

- Harassment or bullying;
- Threats or violence;
- Discrimination prohibited by applicable law or policy;
- Misuse of FCA property or funds;
- Dishonesty or fraud;
- Disruptive behavior;
- Violation of applicable school or organizational policies; or
- Conduct that materially conflicts with FCA's mission or leadership expectations.

Corrective action may include counseling, suspension from leadership, removal from office, or termination of membership, depending on the circumstances.

Any disciplinary process shall be handled fairly and consistently with applicable FCA and institutional policies.

ARTICLE XIII — ADULT AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

FCA recognizes the importance of developing student leaders while providing appropriate adult guidance and accountability.

Student leaders shall be encouraged to:

- Lead by example;
- Serve others;
- Participate in prayer and Bible study;
- Demonstrate academic and athletic integrity;
- Encourage their peers;
- Support FCA activities; and
- Represent FCA positively.

Adult advisors shall provide appropriate supervision, mentoring, accountability, and support.

ARTICLE XIV — PROPERTY AND ORGANIZATIONAL ASSETS

All property, equipment, funds, records, and other assets acquired by FCA shall be used for the organization's purposes.

No individual member or officer shall have an ownership interest in FCA property solely because of their membership or service.

ARTICLE XV — DISSOLUTION

If FCA is dissolved, all remaining assets shall be distributed in accordance with applicable FCA requirements, governing organizational documents, school/institutional requirements, and applicable law.

No remaining assets shall be distributed to individual members or officers for personal benefit.

ARTICLE XVI — AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended when necessary to meet the changing needs of FCA.

Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the leadership team and reviewed by the appropriate FCA representative, advisor, school/institutional authority, or governing body when required.

Amendments shall become effective upon approval by the appropriate authority.

No amendment may conflict with the mission, statement of faith, governing policies, or legal requirements applicable to FCA.

ARTICLE XVII — PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

When these bylaws do not address a specific procedural matter, the organization may use generally accepted parliamentary principles, including **Robert's Rules of Order**, to the extent they are consistent with FCA policies, applicable law, and the organization's religious mission.

ARTICLE XVIII — COMPLIANCE

FCA shall operate in accordance with:

- Applicable federal, state, and local laws;
- Applicable school or institutional policies;
- FCA's national and regional policies and procedures;
- Applicable child protection and safety requirements;
- Financial and accounting requirements; and
- FCA's mission and statement of faith.

Where these bylaws conflict with a controlling legal requirement or FCA governing policy, the controlling requirement or policy shall take precedence.

ARTICLE XIX — APPROVAL

These bylaws were adopted by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes leadership/membership on:

Date: 9/2/26

President: [signature]