

Fellowship of Christian Athletes at The Ohio State University  
Student Organization Constitution

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this organization shall be Fellowship of Christian Athletes at The Ohio State University (FCA at Ohio State).

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

The purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at The Ohio State University is to provide a welcoming community where students can gather to explore the Christian faith, study the Gospel, and discuss how faith influences their lives, athletics, academics, and personal development. FCA seeks to create a supportive environment where students of all backgrounds are welcome to attend meetings, share experiences, and engage in discussions centered around Christian values and Biblical teachings. While FCA is rooted in Christian beliefs, all individuals—athletes and non-athletes alike—are welcome to participate in meetings and activities. Through fellowship, discussion, and community engagement, the organization aims to encourage personal growth, leadership development, and meaningful conversations about faith and life.

ARTICLE III. UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Harassment and Discrimination, including Sexual Misconduct

Fellowship of Christian Athletes at The Ohio State University agrees that it will not engage in sexual misconduct nor any harassment or discrimination on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status or any other basis in accordance with these guidelines.

Section B. Hazing

Fellowship of Christian Athletes at The Ohio State University agrees to maintain a zero-tolerance policy for hazing, in compliance with Ohio State University and Collin's Law. All members must conduct themselves in a manner that supports an environment free from hazing. Hazing includes any activity, regardless of consent, that causes or creates a substantial risk of physical, mental, or emotional harm or humiliation to any individual as part of membership or affiliation with the student organization. If found responsible for hazing, members and/or the organization may face disciplinary actions.

Section C. Bylaws

Fellowship of Christian Athletes at The Ohio State University retains the right to maintain separate bylaws to outline the day-to-day operations of the organization and to clarify policies and procedures otherwise not included in these constitutional articles. Bylaws and/or other guiding documents may not take precedence over the requirements set forth by local, state, and federal laws, The Ohio State University's regulations, policies, and procedures, and the Council on Student Affairs Student Organization Registration Guidelines. Organizations may make amendments and changes to the bylaws without consulting the Ohio Union & Student Activities Department, and changes to bylaws do not require approval. All elements of organizational bylaws shall be consistent with the organization's currently approved constitution on file and CSA constitution requirements.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section A. Membership Eligibility

Membership is open to all currently enrolled students at The Ohio State University. The organization welcomes individuals of all backgrounds who are interested in learning about Christian faith, engaging in fellowship, or participating in discussions related to faith and life. At least 90% of voting members must be currently enrolled Ohio State students. Faculty, staff, alumni, and other community members may participate as non-voting associate members.

Section B. Member Selection

Students may become members by:

1. Attending at least three meetings or events, and
  2. Signing in through the organization's attendance system or membership form.
- Membership is voluntary, and members may leave the organization at any time without penalty.

#### Section C. Membership Timeline

Membership is open on a rolling basis throughout the academic year. New members may join at any time during the fall or spring semester by attending meetings and completing the membership process.

#### Section D. Member Removal

Members may be removed for behavior that violates organizational expectations, including disruptive or disrespectful conduct, harassment or discrimination, violations of university policies, or actions that harm the mission or environment of the organization.

Removal Process:

1. The concern will first be reviewed by the executive officers.
2. The member will be given the opportunity to discuss the situation.
3. Removal requires a two-thirds vote of the executive officers in consultation with the organization's advisor.

### ARTICLE V. ADVISOR

#### Section A. Advisor Duties and Responsibilities

The student organization advisor shall serve as a resource person providing advisory support to officers and members and may not vote or hold office in the organization.

#### Section B. Advisor Term

The advisor will serve a one-year term and may be reappointed each academic year.

#### Section C. Advisor Selection

Advisor candidates may be identified by organization officers or members. The advisor must be a faculty or staff member at The Ohio State University. The advisor will be confirmed by a majority vote of the executive officers.

#### Section D. Advisor Replacement

An advisor may be replaced if they are unable to fulfill their responsibilities or no longer wish to serve. Replacement requires discussion among executive officers, a majority vote of officers, and selection of a new advisor following the advisor selection process.

### ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

#### Section A. Officer Positions

The organization will maintain the following officer positions and duties:

1. Primary Leader (President): Serves as the chief executive officer of the organization; oversees all meetings, organizational operations, goal setting, and long-term planning; serves as the primary liaison to the university and advisor.
2. Secondary Leader (Vice President): Assists the Primary Leader in all organizational matters; assumes presidential responsibilities in the absence of the Primary Leader; coordinates internal operations and officer collaboration.
3. Treasurer: Manages the organization's finances, budget, funding requests, expense tracking, and financial reporting; ensures compliance with university financial policies.

#### Section B. Officer Eligibility

Officers must be currently enrolled students at The Ohio State University, be in good academic standing, and be active members of the organization.

#### Section C. Officer Selection Process

Officer elections occur once per academic year.

1. Members may submit nominations or applications.

2. Candidates may participate in interviews or discussions with current officers.
  3. Voting members of the organization elect officers.
- A simple majority vote of voting members present determines the elected officer.

#### Section D. Officer Removal

Officers may be removed for failure to perform responsibilities, violations of university policies, or behavior detrimental to the organization.

Removal requires:

1. Discussion among executive officers
2. Consultation with the advisor
3. A two-thirds vote of executive officers.

Officer vacancies will be filled through the standard officer selection process.

### ARTICLE VII. ORGANIZATION DISSOLUTION

#### Section A. Dissolution Requirements

The organization may be dissolved if a majority of executive officers determine the organization can no longer fulfill its purpose or maintain operations. Dissolution requires a two-thirds vote of the executive officers.

#### Section B. Dissolution Procedures, including Assets and Debts

Upon dissolution, the Primary Leader and Treasurer, in consultation with the organization's advisor, shall be responsible for managing and resolving all organizational assets and debts.

1. Any remaining funds must first be used to settle all outstanding organizational debts.
2. Any remaining assets shall be distributed in accordance with Ohio State student organization policies.
3. The Primary Leader shall coordinate with Ohio Union and Student Activities to complete the dissolution process.

Under no circumstances will the organization leave outstanding debts to The Ohio State University.

### ARTICLE VIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by any voting member.

1. Written submission of the proposed amendment
2. Discussion at a general meeting
3. Voting at a subsequent meeting

Approval requires a two-thirds vote of voting members present.

Amended constitutions must be submitted to Ohio Union and Student Activities for approval within 30 days.