



# Sports Ministry

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### **More than a Game, More than just Sports**

Sports ministry has been something that impacted all of our lives greatly throughout the past two years at UofT. We have grown to love sports ministry not only for the community it offers, but also for the potential that it possesses as a ministry. When people think of sports ministry, it is far too easy for many to stop at just the word 'sports'. Yes, sports is an integral aspect of sports ministry. Those who come out love playing sports, and love competing in sports. However, at the very core of sports ministry, is the ministry that exists to serve, reach out, and remind its members of our purpose as followers of Christ. This year, it is our hope to challenge those who come out to sports ministry to think of sports ministry beyond the mere activity of playing sports with other Christians, but to remind them that their purpose as a follower of Christ, their duty to strengthen the community, and their opportunity to further the building of God's kingdom can be done through the medium of sports.

### **Purpose**

Everything we do in life is driven by purpose, and the sole purpose of a Christian is bring God Glory in all that we do. Sports ministry aims to reinforce the theme of purpose very strongly in the upcoming school year. We hope to remind those who come out to sports ministry that we are called to bring Glory to God in all things that we do, including sports and the demeanor that we possess while playing sports. That in all things, we are to act as good stewards and messengers for our God. We strongly believe that in order to foster fellowship and outreach in our ministry, we have to understand our purpose, and this must be something understood not only by the leaders, but by all the members who wish to take part in the company of this community. Our purpose will be the foundation to this ministry, and it is something that we will reinforce and apply to everything that we do.



*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”*

*- Ephesians 2:10*

### **Strengthen the Community**

The story of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15 reveals and speaks of the great truth about the father who is utterly joyful (rejoices) when the son has returned home, “Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.” This is the joy that we would like to share with others. We hope that through God, we can bring people who may feel lost in the conditions of their heart, or lost in the purpose of life. This is an extended invitation to fellowship together and be in community with God. Through weekly devotionals and prayer time, we will aim to bring the Gospel and outreach to people who may not know about Christ.

The ministry will gear towards providing a place where people can feel comfortable to try something new, unfamiliar, or something they may feel they lack the ability to do in sports and games. We welcome people to take their first step to try and explore their interests. We want this ministry to be of togetherness because of the common love of God that brings us together and to be an encouragement for one another.

*“Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.”*

*- Luke 15:24*

### **Kingdom Building**

For this upcoming school year, we really wish to expand on sports ministry, to include more people into our family, especially non-christian people. We use the word family because it is our hope that those who choose to journey with us will find refuge in the company that sports ministry will provide. A family supports and loves one another, but a family also challenges and looks to the best interest of one another. It is our hope that as a family, we will be able to act like what Solomon says in Proverbs



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27:17, to act as iron, and sharpen one another's impurities away. Through organizing Sports Ministry, we are slowly building on God's kingdom. In fact, we are expanding his kingdom by inviting more people into our existing community. Then we want to reach out to them, minister to them, show them the love of Christ, and help them catch a glimpse of how beautiful The Gospel truly is.

Sport Ministry is essentially the place where love and unity are found, and it is our goal to play a part in building God's kingdom here on Earth by inviting people to experience Christ by playing sports and fellowshiping with one another. To open up the opportunity for different people to experience sports ministry, we will experiment with different types of sports so that different types of people can come out. It is not our desire to keep our activities homogeneous, but diversified so that we can reach out to a diversity of different people. We aim to challenge our christian brothers and sisters to go and make disciples. To be intentional with those who are not yet in our community, and to live and preach The Gospel during our time of playing sports, as well as during the times of devotions and prayer.

*"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."*

*- 2 Corinthians 5:20*