



Sport Environments Overview

In pursuing FCA's mission of "leading **EVERY** coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church," FCA has identified eight sport environments. Across all sport environments, FCA executes its ministry strategy of engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to become disciples who make disciples. The environments FCA currently focuses on are led by an Executive Director who provides ongoing expertise and leadership to serve the field staff as they seek to be relevant, present and impactful. Each sport environment represents groups of coaches and athletes with similar competition and culture:

- Action
- All Ability
- Campus
- Club
- League
- Motorsports
- Outdoors
- Pro and Elite

Action

Action sports are known for their individuality and risk-taking and include BMX, kitesurfing, mountain biking, skateboarding, skiing, snowboarding, surfing, rock climbing and wakeboarding. Organized competition occurs at all levels, although a greater number of athletes participate individually or within a community.

All Ability

All Ability refers to coaches and athletes who compete with physical and/or intellectual disabilities. "All ability" means the inclusion of all categories within the disability community, and it emphasizes the biblical message of in God we are all able.

Campus

Campus sports are scholastic sports where coaches and athletes typically represent their schools as they compete. Campus sports take place around the world in public schools, private schools, charter schools, boarding schools and college preparatory schools. The majority of the population passes through elementary school, middle school, high school and college.

Club

Club sports are off-campus sports for coaches and athletes who aspire to reach expert levels and make significant financial, travel and time investments. In a typical club experience, athletes invest in multiple practices per week and travel to compete with teams from other clubs. FCA Sports Clubs, directed by FCA staff, create catalytic discipleship experiences for coaches and athletes.

League

League sports are off-campus, developmental sports for coaches and athletes offering moderate time, travel and financial investments. Leagues are typically self-contained, and teams play one another within the same league. FCA Sports Leagues, directed by FCA staff, create catalytic discipleship experiences for coaches and athletes. FCA Sports Leagues often partner with local churches to mobilize empowered volunteers to serve as disciple-making coaches.



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Motorsports

Motorsports are, at their simplest form, sports with motors. They include aircrafts, snowmobiles, snowbikes and watercrafts. Motorsports include 2-wheel sports such as cross country, EnduroCross, freestyle, motocross and road racing. The sport environment also includes 4-wheel sports like ATVs, drag racing, Formula 1 racing, Grand Prix motorcycle racing, IndyCar, monster trucks, NASCAR, rally cars, side-by-sides and sprint cars. Motorsports athletes generally live out their racing passion throughout their lifetimes. Organized competition is popular, but there are also families who participate in the sport as a hobby.

Outdoors

Outdoors refers to sports including marksmanship (archery, rifle and shotgun), fishing, hunting, canoe/kayaking and equestrian. In addition to ministering to the coaches and athletes who compete in outdoor sports, FCA creates outdoor sporting experiences for donors, staff, and coaches and athletes of all sports. Outdoors offers someone the opportunity to grow spiritually as they experience the beauty of God's creation.

Pro and Elite

Pro and elite sports are the apex of the sporting world. Most coaches and athletes are paid to play, and many of them represent their countries in competition. Pro and elite coaches and athletes receive high-profile attention within mainstream culture. These competitors carry unique mindsets, lifestyles and schedules compared to others who don't play at this level. For these athletes and coaches, sport is a business.