



Frequently Asked Questions

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES SHOOTING SPORTS PROGRAM

Why a Fellowship of Christian Athletes Outdoors Shooting Sports Program?

Based message of Christ. It is through this investment that leaders have been identified and trained with a commitment to see lives transformed. FCA believes great physical skills are important, but see the overall development of our coaches and athletes as paramount. As FCA approached the outdoors sports, we also examined current programs and their effectiveness. Based on our research, if impact on lives were to be achieved as desired, we needed to help introduce, create and retain new shooters. Thus, the FCASSP program began development.

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What are the benefits of FCASSP?

FCASSP is a great way to get your child involved in the thrilling and unique lifetime sport of clay shooting. It also is an excellent way for them to learn firearm safety from a certified coach and to exemplify the 4 FCA values of integrity teamwork, serving and excellence and a sense of community responsibility. FCASSP offers the experience of team competition on a level playing field with on-going opportunities for spiritual and leadership growth through quality instruction from a team chaplain.

Does my child have to be a Christian?

No, your child does not have to be a Christian, however as part of FCASSP they should expect hear quality leadership and character instruction based on principles and life stories found in the Bible. FCASSP is one option to participate in shooting sports and we encourage each coach, athlete, volunteer and parent to get plugged in to a program that suits their need. As the only faith-based program seeking to develop nationally, we are unapologetically Christian and are pursuing excellence and to increase overall participation in the sport of shooting.

Do I have to find a team for my child?

You do not have to find a team. Awards are given to individuals as well as teams.

How do I find a team?

Coaches and FCA Outdoor adult chapters are being identified and certified at this time. To start an adult chapter or aid in the development of a youth team in your area please visit our website and complete the [Shooting Sports Interest Form](#). We will contact you with information and what is required.

I have a 20 gauge, is that sufficient?

Yes. Although we recommend everyone shoot 12 gauge shotguns, a 20 gauge is preferred by some. There is absolutely nothing wrong with shooting a 20 gauge. The lead flies at the same speed, there is just less of it flying.

What if there aren't enough people to form a team?

Awards will be provided to individuals as well, so your athlete can compete as an individual. However, if your athlete would prefer to participate on a team, they are encouraged to invite friends to learn to shoot and participate as well.

What are the costs associated with shooting sports and FCASSP?

The cost of clay shooting sports can vary as much as you want. Since equipment is not regulated, you have the ability to comparison shop for ammunition and equipment. Generally speaking ammunition is around \$6.00 per box of 25 shells, Ear and Eye protection varies from a few dollars to hundreds, and shotguns vary greatly as well depending on whether it's new or used.





Is there a membership fee for FCASSP?

Yes. The membership fee for coaches, adult volunteers and team members is \$35.00. This fee covers National Student or Adult Membership in FCA Outdoors as part of FCASSP, cost of liability insurance, a membership gift, window decal and monthly newsletter from FCA Outdoors. Coaches will have additional fees associated with training & certification.

Can we shoot FCASSP in conjunction with other youth shooting sports programs?

Certainly! FCASSP's emphasis is on team competition, and if you would like to participate in any other youth

Is shooting sports safe?

Shooting sports is one of the safest participation sports. As a matter of fact, it's safer than soccer, football, and even baseball. Source: Participants- National Sporting Goods Association, 2008.

How are coaches regulated?

Coaches are all required to be credentialed. In order for a coach to be credentialed, they are required to complete extensive classroom and on-line training classes and commit to the [FCA Coaches Mandate](#).

Are all Coaches required to be Christians?

No, however we believe Christian Coaches, those interested in promoting our values and purpose; will be attracted to participate with us. As part of the FCASSP program, Chaplains are required to do the majority of the youth & leadership development. Before a team can be certified with a Coach, at least one member of the coaching staff which may include the chaplain must complete a (MLA) ministry leadership application commit to fulfilling the faith-based portion of the program. School Club Coaches also must also be approved through the schools they represent. To request details and contact us please complete the [Shooting Sports Interest Form](#) and check the Coaching Box.

Can you rent equipment?

Equipment rental is dependent upon your local gun club.

Are athletes covered by FCA Outdoors Insurance?

Yes. When shooting on a certified FCASSP team.

When are competition shoots held?

In accordance with our beliefs, competition does not interfere with church, school and family. Matches are held on Saturdays.

