

COURSE SYLLABUS

Introduction to Sports Ministry

Course Lecturer: Multiple Lecturers

Course Description

From the elite-level celebrity athlete to the high school baseball player to the fan who watches every game, the culture and world of sports is vast. It cannot be denied that the influence of sport is far-reaching, and with that comes a tremendous opportunity to impact the kingdom of God. In this course, you'll learn what sports ministry is (and is not) and identify key areas for impact. You'll also explore how to consider the wide range of cultures, backgrounds, beliefs, and knowledge present in sport so you can more effectively minister to those you serve.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to:

- Define sports ministry in a practical way and identify opportunities for impact and principles for success.
- Develop an understanding of the great kingdom opportunities that lie within the realm of sports ministry.
- Identify practical ways to develop a servant's heart in the context of sports ministry.
- Explain what it means to be a "guest in the clubhouse" and how you should conduct yourself in light of this concept.
- Understand the complexity of the diverse populations you may serve as a sports minister and how to more effectively engage with them.
- Communicate your message more effectively by considering the unique needs of your audience depending on the level and ways in which they are engaged in sport.

Course Lecturers



Colin Pinkney

Education:

- North Carolina State University, BA

Career Highlights:

- Charlotte Hornets, Team Chaplain and Life Coach
- The Harvest Center of Charlotte, Visionary & Executive Director
- The Urban Restoration, Inc., Executive Director
- Certified Marriage/Relationship Facilitator, Leader Life and Growth Coach, Chaplain, Trainer



Brian Smith

Education:

- Wake Forest University, BA

Career Highlights:

- Athletes in Action, Local Team Leader and Digital Strategist



Jeff Totten

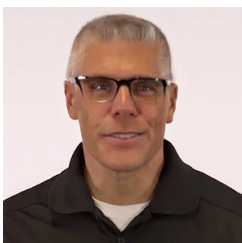
Education:

- Bob Jones University, BA

Career Highlights:

- Detroit Tigers, Chapel Leader

- Detroit Rockers and Detroit Fury, Team Chaplain
- Chaplain to athletes in the Olympic Village at the Winter Games in Salt Lake City
- Great Lakes Coaches Time Out Conference, Regional Coordinator
- SCORE Ministries, Founder



Marc Porpilia

Education:

- Northeastern Seminary, MA
- Rochester Institute of Technology, BFA

Career Highlights:

- Hockey Ministries International, Chaplain
- Rochester Americans, Volunteer chaplain
- Pastor



Roger Lipe

Career Highlights:

- Nations of Coaches, Character Coach Director
- Saluki FCA at Southern Illinois University, Collegiate Representative
- Southern Illinois Miners, Chaplain
- No Greater Love Ministries, Leader and Administrator

Publications:

- Author of numerous books including *Front Lines: Becoming an Effective Sports Chaplain or Character Coach*, *Transforming Lives in Sport: A Guide for Sport Chaplains and Sport Mentors*, *Whistles and Wedding Rings: Devotions for Coaches and Spouses*, *The Competitor's Book of Prayer*, *Coaching: Our Family Business*, *Heart of a Champion: Devotions for People of Sport*, and *Free to Compete: Reflections on Sport from a Christian Perspective*

Course Methods

Throughout this course, a number of methods will be used to engage you in understanding, processing and applying the information learned in this course to your life. These methods include the following:

- **Video-based teaching**
The primary teaching session in each lesson is provided in video format. If you do not have the bandwidth required to view the video, we provide the option of listening to the lesson or reading the lesson from a transcript.
- **Additional Resources**
Lessons may be accompanied by additional readings, images, etc. that you can use to supplement your learning.

Course Requirements

To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Viewing the following for each lesson:
 - **Lesson Overview:** A brief outline of what the lecturer will cover in the lesson.
 - **Lesson Objectives:** Objectives describe the learning outcomes you should achieve by the end of the lesson.
 - **Lectures:** 15-minute lessons that can be viewed as many times as needed.
2. Responding to the discussion questions for each lesson.
3. Earning a 70% or higher score on each lesson Quiz and the Final Exam.
Quizzes and the Final Exam will cover the material presented in the lectures.