

2024 Fellowship Guidelines and Tips

- Goal:** Ultimately, all aspects of the league's activities and events are guided by the CROWN Mission. The goal of the team fellowship is to expose participants to Christ through God's Word in order to enhance relationships within the league and personal relationships with God. **PLEASE USE THE FELLOWSHIP LINKS AND TOPICS as the summer theme points to certain aspects of God and Christianity we as a league would like to share and emphasize.**
- Schedule:** On the main league schedule, the first team listed leads fellowship and the second opens the game in prayer.
*** This year we are piloting a new format. During certain Friday nights, all four teams will fellowship together after the first game and before the second game.
- Location:** Team fellowship is held in the rooms adjacent to the gyms. If locked or occupied, please make due with whatever space you can find, e.g., locker rooms, stairs, and entryways.
- Time:** Team fellowship will be held before the scheduled game except for the games scheduled first, in which case team fellowship will be held after the game. Other fellowships must start at least 30 minutes before the start of the game. Remember that on some dates, there might be more or less than the usual 3 game slots.
- Length:** Each meeting time will include fellowship activities of at least 15 to 30 minutes.
- Format & Tips:** Each team's spiritual leader may design the format of the fellowship time according to what is appropriate. Try:
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| Smaller group discussions | Singing |
| Prepared Testimonies | Extended prayer |
| Example stories or parables | Short ice-breaker games |
- The fellowship time should include:
- Proper preparation (NO LAST MINUTE JOBS!)
 - Opening and closing prayer (conversational or participatory prayer)
 - Opportunity to share personal prayer requests
 - Relevant scripture passage
 - Reminder of fellowship topics relevance to the Gospel message
- Resources:** Below are two links to some devotions that can be used during fellowships.
- [Heart of an Athlete](#)
[Heart of an athlete for kids](#)

In the past, some players have disregarded the importance of fellowship. In our league, sharing God together through fellowship is vital. Remind your players that participating in fellowship is an integral part of the league experience, not a recommended or optional event.

Team Leadership and Representation

A minimum of 2 leaders is required for each team (i.e., your Spiritual Leader and Coach). At least one of these stated leaders must be present at your games. If a team's average age is below 18, the supervising team leader present at the game must be at least 25 years old. Designated Spiritual Leaders and Coaches must complete the Concussion and Child Abuse Training in order to qualify as a certified Spiritual Leader and Coach. Designated Spiritual Leaders and Coaches cannot serve as leaders for more than one team.

If your church/organization is sponsoring more than one team, each team must have its own Spiritual Leader and Coach. Spiritual Leaders and Coaches can only serve on one team. Coaches and Spiritual Leaders are required to attend game team fellowships along with their players. The reasons for these requirements are to increase accountability and grow the relationship among the participants and the league to advance our mission.

Division Liaisons (DLs) and Leaders Meetings.

CROWN is recruiting Division Liaisons (DLs) to serve as division coordinators to assist in the operation of the summer league. The DLs are responsible for: (1) scheduling and facilitating the check-in meetings within their respective Divisions during the summer, (2) communicating any questions, concerns, or suggestions to the CROWN Board of Directors, and (3) being a gym monitor for at least one night with (responsibilities to set up, clean up, and monitor the games for the evening).

There are no summer league-wide leaders' meetings. Instead, division check-in meetings will be led by the Division Liaisons (DLs) scheduled on the same days as their respective division league dates or in another fashion appropriate.

Team Leaders' Certification

Your team leaders, Spiritual Leaders and coaches MUST have Concussion and Child Abuse training.

CDC Heads-Up Training
<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>

CDSS Child Abuse Reporting
• Complete the Volunteer Module
<https://www.mandatedreporter.ca.com/training/volunteers>

All certifications must be submitted to CROWN9twentyfive@gmail.com with the subject line "CDC Certificate – (First name Last name, Church Name)" and "Abuse Certificate – (First name Last name, Church Name)" before the league begins. In order for CROWN to have proper insurance coverage, every team leader MUST complete the CDC Heads-Up Training (concussion training), and the CDSS Child Abuse Reporting - Volunteer Module.

The total time to complete both of these is 3 to 5 hours. We understand that leaders' time is valuable; please also understand that safety measures are required by the insurance company and thus we must enforce these. The due date to complete these training sessions is before June 3rd, including emailing your completion certificates. Those teams that are missing certificates WILL NOT be allowed to participate in the summer league given insurance requirements. Thank you for your support and understanding.