

A green-tinted photograph of a coach in a white shirt with "COACH" on the back, standing in a gymnasium with children. The coach is holding a basketball. The children are standing in a line, some holding basketballs. The background shows a gymnasium with a whiteboard and an exit sign.

# SCRIPTURE UNION SPORTS CLUBS

HELP YOUR COMMUNITY  
GROW IN THEIR CONNECTIONS WITH  
**JESUS, HIS STORY, AND HIS PEOPLE**



## A CHRISTIAN CHARITY WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHURCHES TO CONNECT CANADIANS WITH JESUS AND HIS STORY

Scripture Union Canada has been connecting Canadians with Jesus and His Story for over a century. The heart beat of our ministry is Bible Engagement and innovative Children's Ministry.

We build and nurture vital Christian communities with empowering Bible engagement tools and a sports ministry that is inclusive and leverages the universal connection of sports to teach and spread the Word.

In 2005, we developed SU Sports Camps. Since then we have collaborated with churches in Southern Ontario to run recreational sports day camps for children. In 2016, we released Camp in a Box, making it possible for churches to run their own sports camps.

In 2019, we launched SU Sports Clubs to facilitate disciple-making beyond summer camp! The Sports Clubs are ten-week multisport "Seasons" that foster opportunities for disciple-making relationships to be developed. Holistic sports coaching, mixed with fun games and activities, creates the ideal environment for kids to connect with the local church and Jesus. The curriculum also includes Team Talks that help the kids get to know Jesus.

### **Partnership Strategy:**

Season 1 - SU runs the Club. You support and learn

Season 2 - You run the Club. SU supports and encourages.

Seasons 3 to 10 - You run the Club using resources provided by SU.

# WHY SPORTS MINISTRY?

84% OF CANADIAN YOUTH ARE INVOLVED IN SPORTS. SPORTS MINISTRY IS A GREAT WAY FOR YOUR CHURCH TO CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

## **OUTREACH**

SU Sports Camps and Clubs are designed to point kids to Christ and help your church make meaningful connections with your community.

## **EASY**

Drawing on decades of experience, SU equips you with resources that are effective and easy to use.

## **RECREATIONAL**

SU Sports Camps and Clubs are suitable for children with different sporting abilities. Multiple sports appeal to many children and experts agree that kids benefit from learning different sports.

## **INCLUSIVE**

We believe every child should be able to attend a Sports Camp or Club. Children of all abilities (including children with exceptionalities), from all walks of life are welcome at a SU Sports Camp or Club.



# WHAT IS A SU SPORTS CLUB?

A SU Sports Club connects children with Jesus and His Word through sport. At a SU Sports Club children are engaged in physical activities like experiential games, skills training and scrimmages. They're also involved in spiritual activities that help them grow in their relationships, develop a Bible reading discipline, learn to live for Jesus, and share the story of Jesus with friends and family.

The ninety-minute club takes place once a week for ten weeks in the fall and/or winter. Children receive coaching in five different sports with each sport profiled for two-weeks. The curriculum is designed for ten seasons (five years of Sports Clubs with two Sports Clubs run each year).

## THE GOODS

Every child receives a T-Shirt, Water bottle, Bible and Bible Reading Cards (Club Cards).



## SQUADS

Children are divided by age into mini-teams (juniors and seniors). The mini-teams are a fun way to motivate and encourage a sense of belonging.

## AGES

SU Sports Clubs are for children aged 6-12 years.

## COACHES

The coaches are the volunteers from your church who run the Clubs. SU trains and equips the coaches.

# A TYPICAL NIGHT

(90 minutes)

## WARM UP GAME

A fun, active game gets everyone loose and engaged.



## SPORT SESSION

An overview of a sporting skill is followed by a game that highlights the skill and finishes with a scrimmage. Each skill is connected to a weekly theme (eg. perseverance, self-control, commitment) relating to a characteristic of Jesus.



## TEAM TALK

Children meet the Coach (Jesus), through reading and discussing a passage from the Bible. The aim is to jump into the Word, encounter Jesus, and learn how to be more like Him!



## EXPERIENTIAL GAME

A game illustrates the theme in a way that helps the children experience it for themselves in a fun way!



## COACHES CORNER

Relationship building is fostered through sharing stories. A coach will share a personal story about how the theme for the night connects with his/her life.



# GROW

WE WANT THE KIDS TO GROW!

## GO TO SPORTS CLUB

- Children commit to attending regularly
- Children invite friends to attend
- Children receive GROW awards for attendance
- Children attend other church functions (Sunday Service, Sunday School, other church programs)

## READ THE GAME PLAN (BIBLE)

- Children receive God's Game plan
- Children receive Bible reading cards
- Children are taught the SU Bible reading method
- Children receive GROW awards for completing the Bible reading cards

## OBEY THE COACH (JESUS)

- Children learn what it means to OBEY Jesus (Open your heart and mind to Jesus, Believe Jesus wants what's best for you, Engage like Jesus, Yield to Jesus' purpose for your life)
- Children practice a new way to obey Jesus each week
- Children receive GROW awards for practicing the values

## WELCOME OTHERS TO THE TEAM

- Children make a list of 3 friends they want to tell about Jesus (the Coach)
- Children pray daily for their 3 friends
- Children share a simple version of Team Talk with their 3 friends
- Children invite their friends to Club



# CONNECTIONS

THE GOAL IS TO INSPIRE AND ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO GROW IN THEIR CONNECTIONS WITH JESUS, HIS STORY AND HIS PEOPLE.

A SU Sports Club is an opportunity for the coaches from your church to be disciple-makers in a sport related environment. As such, the Sports Clubs are designed to develop and strengthen connections between the coaches, children, their families, and Jesus.

As the coaches get to know the children, we want the children to get to know the Coach (Jesus). Each of the 10 evenings are themed around one of the characteristics of Jesus.

During the Team Talk (small group time) each child has an opportunity to engage with God's Word and learn how to read, reflect, and apply God's Word to their lives.

# WHAT TO EXPECT

SU PROVIDES SUPPORT IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

## **PLANNING**

Our experienced staff provide planning manuals and coaching. Everything you need (all the forms, documents and guidelines) to successfully run the club from start to finish.

## **PROMOTIONS**

Sports Club promotions are made easy. The SU website, [susports.ca](http://susports.ca), provides information about Sports Clubs to parents. Your church can opt to have its own club landing page. SU also provides a range of promotional templates, such as posters and flyers, to advertise the Sports Club.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

SU staff journey with your team of coaches every step of the way. From the pre-Sports Club training and visioning meeting to the ongoing training through the first two seasons, the SU staff make sure everyone is fully equipped and prepared.





# SPORTS CLUB

## Season 1

SU STAFF RUN THE SPORTS CLUB ALONGSIDE YOUR CHURCH COACHES AT YOUR CHURCH LOCATION. SU STAFF RUN THE CLUB WITH THE AIM TO ENTRUST TO YOUR CHURCH COACHES AFTER TWO TEN WEEK CLUBS HAVE BEEN RUN.

### INCLUDES

- Trained staff and transportation
- Club Planning Manual and support
- Promotional Kit
- Personalized web page at [susports.ca](http://susports.ca)
- Online registration\*
- Sports equipment\*\*
- Volunteer training
- Child package (t-shirt, water bottle, Bible)

### COST/SEASON

- \$70/child
- No minimum!

\* 8% fee on each online registration to cover processing costs

\*\*Equipment needs may vary depending on sports







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