

## SCA Professional Code of Conduct

The Sports Chaplaincy Australia (hereafter known as SCA) Professional Code of Conduct (of 11 February 2013) requires chaplains and members to be personally responsible and accountable for their practice and conduct as provided by this Standards of Conduct Code.

### Standards of Conduct

**Chaplains shall endeavour at all times to meet the following minimum requirements:**

1. Meet with their senior minister or a delegate on a regular basis for encouragement and accountability.
2. Be personally accountable for their professional conduct to their Sports Governing Authority.
3. Respect and seek to observe the rules and regulations of their Sports Governing Authority.
4. Seek their Sports governing authority's guidance and clearance to exercise their chaplaincy role.
5. Seek to make contact with staff initially on their arrival each meeting/event.
6. Seek to safeguard the neutrality of their role by avoiding excessive partiality towards any particular group in their care.
7. Seek advice from SCA representatives on any new initiative in relation to, or, under the umbrella of their chaplaincy.
8. Be careful not to be critical of the sports organisation's administration or regular team practices.
9. Be a help to sports people, and avoid taking sides in disputes or negotiations.
10. When offered, graciously receive passes, uniforms and benefits, and avoid undue requests for additional privileges for others.
11. Refrain from taking advantage of their privileged position.
12. Avoid using or permit others to use the chaplain's services to secure unfair personal or professional advantage.
13. Be prepared to undertake such training and educational opportunities as may continue to improve professional development and skills in the care of clients.
14. When and where appropriate provide pastoral care and ministry for the spiritual and practical needs of clients.
15. Ensure that no personal action or omission, within their area of responsibility, is contrary to the highest standards of care or to the welfare of clients.
16. Provide feedback and/or reports of any issue or complaint made or raised by any person or organisation, which impinges in any way upon an operative or the ministry of SCA.
17. Assist SCA sports networks and hubs identify and appoint suitable personnel as chaplains.
18. Seek the endorsement and authorisation of the SCA National Office or State representative for the approval of 'significant' sports chaplaincy appointments.
19. Stay informed on SCA and speak well of the organisation and its members.
20. Immediately contact SCA concerning any media opportunities that may be considered controversial in nature, or, is directly related to the ministry of SCA, its members or its operations. In such cases members are strongly advised to refrain from commenting publicly without the approval of the National Office.
21. Stay in healthy relationship with the broad SCA network and attend regional or national summits for personal care and development when possible.

### Statement of Faith

**SCA is committed to the basic truths of Christianity including:**

1. There is one God and creator of all things who exists in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. The Bible is the inspired and infallible word of God and is our authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
3. Men and women were created to be in God's image but because of their rejection of God have damaged that relationship. Our rejection of God is deserving of his punishment.
4. God's response to our rejection was one of love and grace. He sent his son Jesus into the world. Jesus is both fully man and fully God. Jesus came to restore the relationship between humanity and God by dying and rising again to life.
5. The only way we can be made right with God is by accepting the forgiveness that comes through Jesus and his death on the cross and acknowledging him as Lord.
6. Jesus will come again to judge this world. All those who have placed their trust in him will share eternity with him.

Reviewed by the SCA Board 29-01-20. The SCA Professional Code of Conduct is subject to change and updates can be found at our web site [www.sportschaplaincy.com.au/codeofconduct](http://www.sportschaplaincy.com.au/codeofconduct)

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