

Sports Clinics

(refer also to CFL resources)

Description:

Sports clinics have been utilized in a variety of ways and serving a variety of age groups for decades. The primary uniqueness of TUG sports clinics includes the great interest in learning soccer skills because of the worldwide visibility of the World Cup. If you have on your heart a way to help churches learn to work in partnership sports clinics is a proven way to accomplish this outcome. Because woman's soccer has grown so rapidly TUG soccer clinics for girls or women may be of equal interest in some countries as TUG soccer clinics for boys or men.



Objectives:

A Sports Clinic can be for novice wanting to learn how to play a sport, leisure players wanting to develop their game or for serious sports coaching and competition. Have soccer coaches provide soccer skill development, competition, and spiritual nurturing during your TUG soccer clinics.

- 🍏 Provide quality soccer skill development, competition and spiritual nurture
- 🍏 Introduce churches to ongoing sports-related ministry development
- 🍏 It's about soccer coaching- plus much more!

Target Audience:

There are three distinct criteria when planning a Sports Clinic:

- i. Standard of the player - this dictates the level of coaching and tempo of competition. There are three universal standards – 1- recreational/development 2-participation 3-performance/elite
- ii. Background of belief - are the young people Christians, non-Christians or both together? This dictates the Christian content.
- iii. Age of the young people: For coaching drills and serious competition it is important to monitor the age range.

How to Organize/Implement:

Develop partnerships with churches and groups to help participate, you will want to communicate this event to all the churches and ministry teams in your area. Have a clear mission, vision, and passion for the event, as you plan.

The Ultimate Goal Strategies

- i. Identify a coordinator from each church.
- ii. Develop an outreach organizing team empowered by each church
- iii. Develop a time line of strategic next steps.
- iv. Consider your target audience e.g., gender, age, ability level
- v. Research for available local resources (i.e. coaches, church sports helpers, equipment, facilities, training)
- vi. Identify where the participants can be found (e.g. schools, sports clubs, neighborhood, the poor and ethnic groups)
- vii. Determine the scale of sports related ministry you are willing to undertake (e.g. 'one-off' for the TUG World Cup outreach, planting an ongoing ministry initiative in/through sport, complementing an already existing sports ministry program)
- viii. Assign people to key roles, (i.e. registration, catering, prizes, prayer, first aid).
- ix. Each church needs to establish a follow up by the church of the children/teens/adults involved from (i.e., the local church coaches and helpers)
- x. Training of church coaches/helpers for ongoing sports ministry by those from your church or local guest coaches
- xi. To invite the whole church to be involved in this community outreach opportunity. (hand out water, oranges, takes photos etc)
- xii. Share the vision with other churches/organizations within your area or network as to how a TUG soccer outreach can impact your community:
 - a. Partnership allows access to a greater range of resources and opportunities than one church can provide
 - b. Partnership will reduce the 'per-unit' cost
 - c. Community impact is increased
 - d. Express the unity of the church both for and beyond the event

Equipment/Resources Needed:

Camp facility, promotional materials, medical kit, sports equipment relevant to the sport ie. Core football equipment, organisation aids: ground markers, coloured bibs, whistles, etc

Extras:

In most countries a soccer clinic happens in the community where kids, youth or young adults live. In some locations soccer clinics happen each Saturday for a number of weeks to fit school or work schedules. In other locations TUG soccer clinics happen during the school break week or weeks and happen each morning or afternoon in the community.

It is useful to get feedback from leaders and young people about the Sports Camp. This can then be used for planning in the future. It is also crucial after the Sports Camp has finished that young people are followed up and cared for away from the Sports fields.