

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

UTAH AREA SPORTS

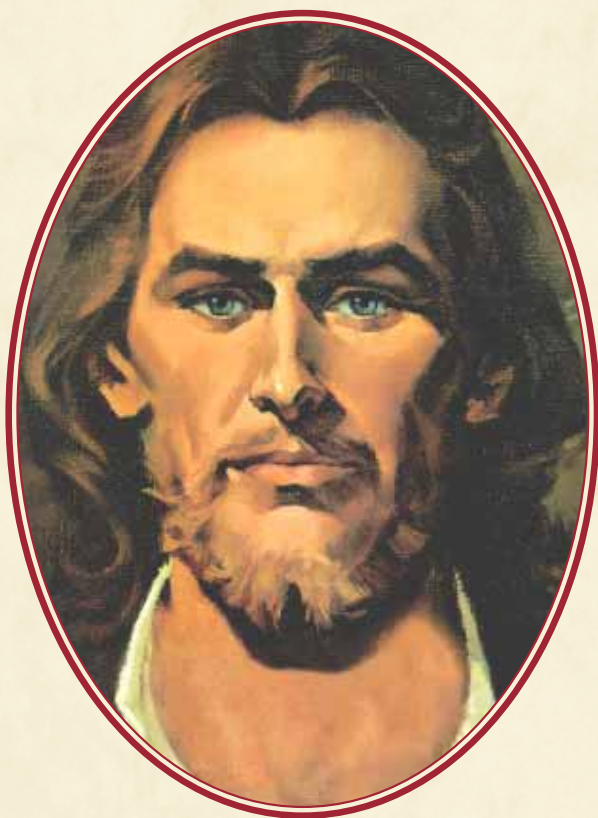
Church sports activities are designed to help members focus on and accomplish the mission of the church, which is to “invite all to come unto Christ” (D&C 20:59) and “be perfected in Him.” (Moroni 10:32) These activities offer many opportunities for fellowship, activating, and sharing the Gospel with others. When participants demonstrate Christlike behavior and attitudes, physical activities can help them grow spiritually.

THE AUTHORITY OF THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

I am a son of my Heavenly Father. He has entrusted me with the Priesthood of Aaron, which includes “the key of the ministering of angels and the preparatory gospel; which . . . is the gospel of repentance, and of baptism, and the remission of sins.” (D&C 84:26-27; see also D&C 13:1, 107:20)

PURPOSES OF THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

- *Become converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ and live by its teachings.*
- *Serve faithfully in priesthood callings, and fulfill the responsibilities of priesthood offices.*
- *Give meaningful service.*
- *Prepare and live worthily to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood and temple ordinances.*
- *Prepare to serve an honorable full-time mission.*
- *Obtain as much education as possible.*
- *Prepare to become a worthy husband and father.*
- *Give proper respect to women, girls, and children.*



The Young Men’s sports program is simply a tool to help provide spiritual experiences, meaningful involvement, and caring relationships that will help each of us to “come unto Christ.”