

Downingtown Area Christian Sports League (DACSL) | Website: dacsl.org
Meeting minutes from: February 27th, 2024 | Zoom

League Officers:

Bill Mendenhall | President

Dave Kelsey | Softball & Volleyball Commissioner

Dick Pry | Basketball Commissioner & Treasurer

Adam Udinski | Secretary

Attendance

- Calvary Chapel
- Christ Community
- East Brandywine Baptist
- Fairview
- Gateway
- Grove
- Hopewell
- Iron Works
- St. Elizabeth
- Valley Creek*

**Note: Valley Creek Church attended February's meeting as they are interested in joining the DACSL, beginning with the 2024 softball season. Following their second meeting participation, a vote will be taken to ratify them as league members.*

As you read these minutes, we ask that you join us in prayer for our league: for health, good sportsmanship, and for people to experience the love of Jesus represented by the church through the gathering of these various churches and organizations on the courts and fields.

League Membership

As a friendly reminder, per league documentation, league membership is reliant upon active participation in both sports seasons and attendance of league meetings with some regularity. Whenever the league gathers at the end of the month, whether virtually or in person, please do all that is in your power to ensure that at least one (1) representative from your church/organization is present. Please reach out to any of your league officers with questions or concerns, and if any in your organization need to be added to league communications, please email Adam (audinski@gmail.com).

Treasury

Please make all payments out to Dick Pry at the following address:

Mr. Dick Pry
DACSL Treasurer
588 Wellington Square
Apt. 408
Exton, PA 19341

Alternatively, you can send league payments via Venmo to [@Richard-Pry](#).

At the time of this meeting, the league's finances were in fine condition. With the advent of this new year, annual league participation fees are due. If your church has not yet made your \$100 payment for all league involvement, please do so at your earliest convenience.

At the time of this meeting, the only outstanding seasonal payment was Gateway's volleyball fee.

Winter | Basketball

Thanks to everyone for what has been a great winter basketball season! Thank you also for your grace as we dealt with a slight hiccup in our PIAA referee reliability earlier in the season, which we believe is now a thing of the past.

[Winter | Volleyball](#)

Thanks to everyone for what has been a great winter volleyball season! Please see Dave's most recent email regarding volleyball standings and postseason preparations.

[Spring | Softball](#)

Most of the discussion focused on the upcoming spring softball season as we are just over a month from its onset. At the next league meeting (in March), softball team commitments will be due, with April's meeting being the official "preseason" meeting where equipment is passed out, fees are due, schedules are distributed, etc. As was the case last season, expect a season schedule that will begin in late-April and wrap up no later than Thursday, August 1st.

For field usage, we've once again secured Wagontown (Layton Park), West Sadsbury Township, Fairview, and Hibernia Road (Manor) and are working to add Lambert Park in West Chester. In these efforts and the discussions surrounding them, it has come to the attention of the league officers that liability/insurance forms are needed; please be on the lookout for future communication regarding the addition of/need for those forms.

A special thanks to Eric Waldron for securing Diamond-Tex dirt, which will be used to bolster/repair the infields at both Fairview and Manor before the season begins. Along those lines, please note that the annual Field Cleanup Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 6th**, beginning at **8:00am**. Please remember that all teams are expected to have at least one (1) representative present for field cleanup day, which will result in a slight reduction of your season's fees.

There was a brief discussion about the possibility of returning to the three-division format that was in place prior to the pandemic, given that we saw 18 teams participate in the 2023 season. If at least 18 teams participate again in 2024, expect a three-division format (details to be confirmed and shared later).

[Fall | Volleyball](#)

At this time, there are no updates regarding fall volleyball.

[League Calendar](#)

The next meeting of the DACSL will be held on Tuesday, March 26th, at 7:30pm. The location for March's league meeting has yet to be determined. League officers will communicate whether this meeting is in-person (at EBBC) or virtual (on Zoom). Regardless of meeting location, please prepare to present softball commitments so that Dave can begin preparing the schedule!

The DACSL meets the last Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted). Please also note any church/organization wishing to participate in the current or upcoming DACSL season, in any league, commits to do their due diligence to have at least one (1) representative present at each league meeting. Churches/organizations that fail to have at least one (1) representative present for at least four (4) season meetings will not be guaranteed participation rights for the following season/league year and will be subject to a majority vote for the following season's inclusion.