

Downingtown Area Christian Sports League (DACSL) | Website: dacsl.org
Meeting minutes from: Tuesday, April 15th, 2025 | Zoom

League Officers:

Bill Mendenhall | President

Dave Kelsey | Softball & Volleyball Commissioner

Dick Pry | Basketball Commissioner & Treasurer

Adam Udinski | Secretary

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.

Attendance

Brandywine Grace

Calvary Chapel

Christ (WC)

Christ Community

Christ First

East Brandywine

Fairview

Gateway

Grove

Hopewell

Iron Works

Mission

MCC

Providence

St. Elizabeth

St. Peter

Valley Creek

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 audinski@gmail.com.

Treasury

*Note: leagues dues for 2025 are due at your earliest convenience. Each church's annual participation fee is **\$100**.*

Please make all payments out to DACSL 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, all of the league's outstanding payments have been made, with many softball payments expected (and subsequently collected) during or following April's meeting to finance those payments. If your team has not yet made their season payment, please do so at your earliest convenience. Dick Pry has covered a handful of the league's payments out of his own pocket, so please

help us reimburse him as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your timely attention to these financial matters!

Winter | Basketball

Congratulations to **Gateway**, our 2025 winter basketball champions! In a thrilling final, Gateway defeated EBBC 2 games to 1, with EBBC winning Game 1 by a single point and Gateway taking Games 2 and 3 with a combined 3-point margin of victory. As the #3 and #4 seeds, Gateway and EBBC both reached the finals by way of an upset, only adding to the playoff excitement. Thanks to Dick for coordinating another fantastic season, which all who participated agreed was one of the best (if not the best) in a long time!



[Winter | Volleyball](#)

Congratulations as well to **Hopewell 1**, our 2025 winter volleyball champions! In Dave's own words, it was "an awesome final" between Hopewell and Gateway, with Gateway competing despite missing some key players and having to compete with just five on the court!

"Gateway was very impressive staying with Hopewell thru 3 grueling games. The first game was 25-18, neck & neck for the first 18 points, the second & third games were 25-23 and Gateway came back from large deficits (up to 10 points) but could not overpower Hopewell . . . Congratulations to Hopewell 1 defending their title from the fall season . . . Thanks to all the teams and refs for making this another good season . . . I hope all teams had fun and will be back in the fall."

Thanks to you as well, Dave, for coordinating another great volleyball season!

One last note, which Dick brought up as we concluded the winter season discussions: there has been a noticeable effect brought about by pregame prayer, in particular with the referees and umpires who call league games. In Dick's words, over a decade ago, our league had developed an unfortunately poor reputation amongst local referees and umpires to the point that many were not interested in calling league games and/or matches. That has changed, thanks at least in part to the incorporation of prayer to open each competition. Keep up the good work, everyone, as we represent Christ and His "capital-C Church" in and around Chester County!

[Spring | Softball](#)

The bulk of the activity and discussion surrounded the impending softball season, beginning with a reminder that the annual Forks of the Brandywine/Manor Field workday had been moved to this past Saturday (April 19th), with a later-the-usual start date of 2:00pm due to Forks' annual Easter egg hunt that morning. The work went quickly with many hands, rakes, shovels present; thanks to all who

participated! The list of churches accounted for at this year's field work day is as follows:

Breathe (B)
CCCS (A, B, C, C)
CC (A | B)
CCC/EBBC (A)
CFC (A, B)
Gateway (A, B)
Grove (B)
Hopewell (B)
Iron Works (B)
Mission (C)
MCC (B, C)
Providence (B)
St P (A)

As a reminder, team fees this year are **\$375 per team**, with a \$50 discount for each team represented at the field work day (i.e. \$325 per team). Please reach out to Adam and/or Dick with any questions.

Other discussions regarding the upcoming softball season included:

- A few comments about the usage of the lower Wagontown field (Layton Park) and Copeland School Park as both contain unique outfield situations that will require pregame conversations between captains and the umpire;
- Differentiating between a "DH" (a player designated to hit in place/instead of another, of which there can only be one) and an "EH" (an additional player inserted into the batting order, of which there can be multiple);
- Courtesy runners (with no change to the standing league rules, which can be found in Dave's most recent email, along with the updated ground rules for each field);
- A brief exchange regarding the heart behind the league rule regarding runners leaving a base before the batter makes contact;

- The frequency and timing of intentional walks, especially in the situation of a lopsided score;
- Start times for doubleheaders as opposed to standard single-game nights (Phil Brown will communicate to umpires the need to arrive by 6:15pm for single-game nights and 6:00pm for doubleheaders);
- Finally, the benefit of insurance, thanks to an unfortunate (but thankfully somewhat ironic) incident regarding a long home run over the right field fence at Manor during a Sunday afternoon Hopewell practice!

[Fall | Volleyball](#)

No updates regarding fall volleyball at this time.

[League Calendar](#)

The next meeting of the DACSL will be held on Tuesday, June 24th, at 8:30pm via Zoom (link to be provided). *Please note the fact that we will not meet in May, as well as the later start time for June's league meeting*, which is done to accommodate any teams playing softball that evening. Please make every effort to ensure that at least one (1) representative for your church/organization is in attendance. This is especially important if your church plans to participate in the upcoming spring softball season. A captain/coach must be present to sign paperwork and receive your season supplies, including softballs, scorebook, rulebook, etc.

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.