

**Downingtown Area Christian Sports League (DACSL) | Website: dacsl.org
Meeting minutes from: April 16th, 2024 | Zoom**

League Officers:

Bill Mendenhall | President

Dave Kelsey | Softball & Volleyball Commissioner

Dick Pry | Basketball Commissioner & Treasurer

Adam Udinski | Secretary

Attendance

- Brandywine Grace (BGC)
- Calvary Chapel (CCCS)
- Christ Church | West Chester (CC)
- Christ Community (CCC)
- Christ First (CFC)
- East Brandywine (EBBC)
- Fairview (FVW)
- Gateway (GC)
- Grove (GUMC)
- Hopewell (HUMC)
- Iron Works (IWC)
- Moving Communities to Christ (MCC)
- Providence | West Chester (PC)
- St. Elizabeth (STE)
- St. Peter (STP)
- Valley Creek (VCC)

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 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](#).

A big thank you to everyone for the prompt responses to the league's financial needs!

Winter | Basketball

Once again, a big thanks to everyone for another great winter basketball season, and a special thanks to Dave Dohmson, who refereed every single night of gameplay (save one). A special thanks to Dick for coordinating yet another successful season of play. Dick shared that while PIAA refs had been told that our

league can be challenging by others within PIAA, they had a very positive experience this past year. Thanks to all of you for making that experience a reality.

Congratulations to **Covenant Fellowship**, who defeated Gateway in the finals two games to one, with a low-scoring 37-31 final securing their 2024 title!

[Winter | Volleyball](#)

Another heartfelt thanks to everyone for what has been a great winter volleyball season! Dave once again provided excellent leadership as the volleyball commissioner, including many email updates regarding volleyball standings and postseason preparations. The season concluded in the following manner:

- 1) Hopewell 2 defeated 4) Grove in three games (3-0) in the first semifinals.
- 2) Gateway defeated 3) St. Elizabeth in three games (3-0) in the second.
- 2) Gateway defeated 1) Hopewell 2 in three games (3-0) in the finals.

Congrats to our 2024 winter volleyball champs, **Gateway!**

[Spring | Softball](#)

At the time of April's meeting, Dave had sent out the first draft of the 2024 season schedule (revision A), which has since been updated (revision B) to reflect a few additional requests. We have three divisions this year, with each team in A, B, and C playing a 14-game regular season against the rest of their division, culminating in playoffs in late-July/early-August.

There are a few points of discussion, including the following highlights:

- **Rainouts & Doubleheaders** | By majority vote, it was determined that the league will institute **1-1 counts** and **foul outs** in the event of a doubleheader caused by early season rainouts.
- **Ground Rule Home Run Limit** | By majority vote, it was determined that the league will institute a 1-per-team-per-inning rule regarding ground rule

home runs (i.e. home runs that clear the fence/boundary line). Inside-the-park home runs remain unlimited.

- **Field Rules** | Dave has updated the field rules document to include clarity on right field at Lambert Park, where there is a parking lot that extends beyond the limits of the outfield, and right field at Fairview, where there is a lone tree, telephone poles and wires, and Devereux Road to contend with (please see the updated field rules document for more info).
- **Dugout Assignments** | It was determined that all games will see the home team take the 1st base dugout and the visiting team take the 3rd base dugout, in each division.
- **Playoffs & Finals Schedule** | The discussion surrounding the exact dates and locations for the playoffs/finals remains open and will continue as the season progresses.

[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, June 25th, at 8:30pm on Zoom. We will not meet in May! Please be on the lookout for the Zoom link later in May, and remember to make every effort to ensure that at least one (1) representative for your church/organization is in attendance.

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.