

# 2022 Danville volleyDIGS

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## **WELCOME**

Danville Youth VolleyDIGS is a league for young athletes in 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade who attend Danville Community Schools or have a Danville address. We provide a competitive and teaching volleyball experience to players. Our goal is to offer a positive team environment for athletes to grow and learn to play volleyball. If you are interested in playing volleyball, VolleyDIGS is a great way to get started and prepare for the middle school and high school teams

## **REGISTRATION FEES:**

13U/14U Power League Team: \$225 (subject to changes depending on tournaments entered)

12U Power League Team: \$225 (subject to changes depending on tournaments entered)

Rec Team: \$85

## **TEAMS OFFERED:**

**7/8 GRADE POWER LEAGUE TEAM:** This team will play in the volleyDIGS Tournament Series Division A and finish their season in a few club tournaments in the 14U division.

**6TH GRADE POWER LEAGUE TEAM:** This team will compete in the volleyDIGS tournaments series in Division B and finish their season with a few club tournaments in the 12U division.

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE RECREATIONAL TEAM:** This team will play in Division B at the volleyDIGS tournament series. This division is played with a volleylite and junior net height. These teams will continue to master fundamental skills and introduce positional play to prepare for middle school.

**4/5<sup>th</sup> GRADE TEAMS:** All 4/5<sup>th</sup> grade athletes will be placed on a team. These teams will play in Division C with a lower net, lighter ball, and altered serving line to help the matches contain more rally play. These teams are centered on learning the game of volleyball and mastering the beginning skills of passing and overhand serving.

## **TRYOUTS:**

Tryouts will be held for each age group to evaluate skills of the athletes. Tryout times are listed below. We encourage athletes to come to each tryout date so they can be evaluated on each set of skills. ALL fourth and fifth grade athletes will be placed on a team. ALL sixth grade athletes will be placed on a team. There will be a Power League team and Recreation team for the 6th grade. Seventh and Eighth grade athletes will be evaluated to fill a Power League team. Not all 7 and 8 grade athletes will be guaranteed to be placed on a team. There are limited spaces available on the team and will be filled based on performance at tryouts.

### **Tryout Dates:**

7/8th GRADE (November 16 6:30-8pm + November 17 6:30-8pm + December 1 7:30-9pm)

6th GRADE (November 29 7:30-9pm + November 30 7:30-9pm + December 2 7:30-9pm)

5th GRADE (November 29 6:30-7:30pm + December 1 6:30-7:30pm)

4th GRADE (November 30 6:30-7:30pm + December 2 6:30-7:30pm)

## **volleyDIGS TOURNAMENT SERIES:**

All games are played on Sundays from January through March. The first tournaments will be open play, your team will play a minimum of two matches and referee a third match. Tournament dates are listed below, teams will play 5 of the 7 Sundays. Please check the schedule carefully so you are aware of when your team needs to be there to referee/play. Your referee time could fall before your first match of playing. It is important to have the team there to referee on time so we can keep on schedule throughout the day. Tournament schedules are released the Wednesday before the tournament.

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Coaches will communicate what time they would like players to be at the gym. The final tournament will be the Championship! The championship tournament is will be ran as listed below:

**Division A:** Two pools of play with a crossover. 1st Pool 1 vs 1st Pool 2 for championship (1 & 2nd place), 2nd Pool 1 vs 2nd Pool 2 for 3/4th place, 3rd Pool 1 vs 3rd Pool 2 for 5/6th place. \*Format may change depending on the number of teams playing in the final tournament.

**Division B:** Single Elimination Tournament with Consolation Bracket. An example bracket is listed at the end of this document. \*Format may change with the number of teams playing in the final tournament.

**Division C:** Two pools of play with a crossover. 1st Pool 1 vs 1st Pool 2 for championship (1 & 2nd place), 2nd Pool 1 vs 2nd Pool 2 for 3/4th place, 3rd Pool 1 vs 3rd Pool 2 for 5/6th place. \*Format may change with the number of teams playing in the final tournament.

Tournaments are held at Danville Community Middle School or Danville Community High School as listed below. Doors will open 30 minutes before the tournament starts and close at the conclusion of the last match. There is a \$2 entrance fee for spectators, all players/coaches get in free. Seating will be provided at each gym for all spectators. If you require additional accommodations please see the tournament desk.

## **Tournament Dates:**

**January 23rd** at Danville High School - Division A/B/C

**January 30th** at Danville Middle School - Division A

**February 6th** at Danville High School – Division A/B/C

**February 13th** at Danville Middle School - Division B

**February 27th** at Danville High School - Division A/B/C

**March 6th** at Danville High School – Division C, Final Tournament Division B

**March 13th** at Danville High School – Final Tournament Division A/C

Teams will play in 5 of the Sundays listed above. Matches could run from 8am to 8pm on tournament days.

## **PRACTICES**

The practice calendar will be distributed at the first practice. Practices will be held twice each week, one weekday and one Saturday. The practice times will vary each week due to working around the Danville School's schedule for gym time. All teams will practice for at least 1 hour and be run by their respective coaches. It is very important that you arrive on time for practice and attend regularly. During practice is where you will obtain the skills to compete in matches. If you need to meet with a coach you can set up a time before or after practice via email.

There may be times that practice will be changed due to weather or schedule changes. Those changes will be communicated through email and Remind. To sign up for Remind alerts: text the phone number **81010** the message **@dwdigs22**

## **UNIFORM**

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Each player will be provided with a uniform top for the league. You must be wearing your uniform and black shorts to compete in matches. Players are responsible for providing their own athletic tennis shoes to play in, black shorts/spandex, and kneepads(optional).

## **COACHES MEETING**

We ask that all meetings with a coach are set up before or after practice. We ask that you obtain from discussing concerns with a coach on tournament days. Tournament days are busy and the focus is on the team competing. We are happy to offer an open discussion with any parent by setting up a meeting before or after a practice.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please contact Shea Pierson with any questions regarding VolleyDIGS: 317.501.7993 or coachpiersonvb@gmail.com