

# Volleyball 2024

Young Lawyers Section

## MEMORANDUM

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**

**FROM: SAWYER SOURBEER, CHAIR, VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

**SUBJECT: DAUPHIN COUNTY YOUNG LAWYERS' SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE**

As the days become longer and the temperatures start to creep past 60 degrees, we are reminded that the annual Dauphin County Young Lawyers' Volleyball League season is ready to commence. The league will officially begin play on **Thursday, May 16, 2024**.

League rules and eligibility are similar to last year. At this time, we anticipate having two leagues, Competitive and Social, but we may have to eliminate the Competitive league if there are not enough members. Players may participate in more than one league, but not on two teams in the same division category.

The enclosed registration materials include a team registration form, an individual registration form for those attorneys who would like to participate, but are not a member of an established team, and a waiver agreement. Existing teams are encouraged to pick up one or more individual players to round out their rosters. Every attempt will be made to accommodate individual players.

**Team captains need to send in their players' signed waiver form with the team registration (the waiver is enclosed with this mailing).** Individuals not yet assigned to a team are encouraged to register and sign a waiver form (leave the team name blank). After the registrations are all in, team captains will receive the *Rules of Play* and the season schedule.

Any questions concerning the league may be addressed to Kendra (Telephone: 232-7536 x3; Email: [kendra@dcba-pa.org](mailto:kendra@dcba-pa.org)) at the Bar Association. Registration materials, **including the waiver agreements** are attached, please remember to **submit all registration materials to the Bar Association no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2024!** No late registration forms can be accepted.

Thank you and we look forward to a fun and enjoyable season!

## VOLLEYBALL FACT SHEET

**DATES:** All play dates are Thursdays.

May 16, 23, 30

June 6, 13, 20, 27

July 11, 18

July 25 (rain day make-up)

August 1 (picnic/playoffs)

August 8 (championship)

**TIMES:** 5:45 P.M. AND 6:45 P.M. - Depending on league placement

**COST:** \$500 per team (\*plus \$50 surcharge for each attorney who is not a DCBA member, surcharge waived if joining DCBA). A check made payable to DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MUST ACCOMPANY ALL TEAM REGISTRATION FORMS. (This fee includes beer, soda and munchies for all eleven season games and playoffs for all team members!)

**PLACE:** Postal Picnic Grounds, Roberts Valley Road

**CANCELLATIONS:** Will be decided by 4:00 p.m. on the day of play. Team Captains should call the Bar Association at 232-7536 after 4:00 p.m. In addition, each team can designate two representatives for an e-mail notification of cancellations.

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE# (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK TYPE OF DIVISION YOU PREFER TO BE IN: \_\_\_\_\_COMPETITIVE\_\_\_\_\_SOCIAL

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

CAPTAIN'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

WORK ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE# (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK TYPE OF DIVISION YOUR TEAM PREFERS:

\_\_\_\_\_ COMPETITIVE (CONSISTENTLY GETTING THE BALL BACK OVER THE NET; SOME SPIKING; STILL WANT TO WIN)

\_\_\_\_\_ SOCIAL (HAVING FUN; ENJOYING THE OUTDOORS; GETTING SOME EXERCISE)

FOR THOSE WHO PLAYED LAST YEAR:

WERE THE TEAMS YOU PLAYED AGAINST MOSTLY WITHIN YOUR LEVEL OF PLAY? \_\_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_\_No

IF NOT, WHY?

WILL YOU PICK UP ANY ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO BE A PART OF YOUR TEAM? \_\_\_\_\_Yes\_\_\_\_\_No

If so, how many?

FORM YOUR OWN TEAM (AS SPECIFIED ABOVE) AND SUBMIT THE ROSTER, WITH A CHECK FOR \$500 \*PLUS ANY SURCHARGES, TO THE DAUPHIN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION, NO LATER THAN **May 6, 2024**. OUTSTANDING **2023** VOLLEYBALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO **2024** REGISTRATION. IF YOU WANT TO PLAY BUT DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE TO MAKE UP A TEAM, SUBMIT YOUR NAME AND PHONE # TO THE DCBA. THESE NAMES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO ANYONE WHO WISHES TO FORM A TEAM. TO OBTAIN A LIST OF "FREE AGENTS," CALL KENDRA AT THE BAR ASSOCIATION OFFICE @ 232-7536 x3. **ALL PLAYERS MUST SIGN LIABILITY INDEMNIFICATION FORMS BEFORE THE FIRST GAME.**

## VOLLEYBALL ELIGIBILITY & RULES OF PLAY

### I. Eligibility Rules

- A. Rosters shall have a maximum of 20 players.
- B. ALL players must be 18 years of age or older.
- C. Attorneys may be either DCBA regular or associate members or non-member attorneys. All non-member attorneys are subject to a surcharge as defined by the Young Lawyer Board at the beginning of the season which must be remitted with a team's roster and team fee. Any outstanding **2024** volleyball fees owed must be paid prior to playoffs to continue the season.
- D. Eligible volleyball players are the following: (a) DCBA member attorneys, (b) non-DCBA member attorneys, (c) fulltime office staff (at least 35 hours per week) and summer clerks over 18 years of age, who work at an office of a DCBA attorney, (d) a family member of any of the preceding categories of players and (e) members of other county bar associations are welcome and invited to form teams. These teams will be subject to the same eligibility rules as the teams comprised of DCBA members.
- E. As used in rule D, a family member also includes a girlfriend, boyfriend, fiancé or fiancée.
- F. ONLY individuals listed on the team's roster as of May 6, 2024 may play during regular season and/or play-off games.
- G. All individuals on a roster must sign the approved waiver provided before commencing play. Failure to sign the approved waiver will result in a team's forfeiture of all 3 games for that week and may result in a player's disqualification for the remainder of the season.
- H. In the event that your team needs to make roster additions or substitutions after May 6, 2024 due to personnel changes or the addition of summer associates, changes must be submitted in writing to the DCBA Young Lawyer Social Chair and approval will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
- I. Rosters are subject to review at any time and will be checked on a weekly basis.
- J. If a team suspects that a player on the opposing team is not on that team's roster, a roster check may be requested. The Captain of the requesting team should notify the Social Chair **prior** to the start of any game.

### II. Team Eligibility

- A. A team consists of six players. Four persons must be on the court to play a game.
- B. During the regular season if a team does not have four players, they may obtain one (1) substitute from another team in order to meet the four person requirement. If a team has four people able to play, a substitute will not be permitted.
- C. If any league sponsor would like to place a team in the league, sponsor should contact the Young Lawyer Division Social Chair to discuss the details.

## VOLLEYBALL ELIGIBILITY & RULES OF PLAY CONTINUED

### III. Rules of Play

- A. Volley, toss a coin or play rock-paper-scissors to determine which teams get first serve. The team that does not get first serve shall be allowed to choose which playing side it wishes to start on.
- B. Service continues until a fault is committed by the serving team.
  - i. A serving fault occurs when:
    - 1. Ball fails to cross the vertical plane of the net completely through the crossing space;
    - 2. Ball touches a player of the serving team other than the server; or ball lands outside of the boundaries.
  - ii. "Let serves" that touch, but go over, the net and land inbounds do not constitute a serving fault and play shall continue.
  - iii. Change of service occurs when a fault is committed.
- C. The ball can be hit no more than three times by a team.
- D. If the ball is contacted more than once, a player must play the ball before it passes over the net.
- E. A ball may be contacted with any part of the body above, and including, the waist.
- F. A fault will occur when the ball comes to rest momentarily in the hands or arms of a player (carry).
- G. A player who contacts the ball or is contacted by the ball shall be considered as having played the ball.
- H. A player who makes two consecutive contacts with the ball commits a fault (double contact) unless one such contact is a block.
- I. When two opponents commit a fault simultaneously, the play will be taken over.
- J. The ball may be contacted by one or more players taking part in the block without counting as a hit.
- K. When a ball in play, other than a serve, touches the net, the ball remains in play and play continues.
- L. Contact by a player with the net is a fault.
  - i. If two opponents contact the net simultaneously, it is considered double fault and the play is taken over.
  - ii. Offensive contact of the ball over the net above the opponent's playing area is a fault. However, a player may block a spike over the opponent's playing area.
  - iii. After a spike, a hand or hand passing over the net is not a fault.
- M. Touching the opponent's playing area with a foot or feet is not a fault providing that some part of the foot or feet remains on or above the center line.
- N. A ball touching any boundary line of the court remains in play.
- O. The ball is considered out of bounds when it touches the grass outside of the pre-market playing area or any other object outside of the pre-market playing area.
- P. Substitution must be consistent. A team that substitutes individual players must substitute after the service positions and the substituted player must remain in until he/she has rotated through the serve. A team which substitutes six players at once can do so

## VOLLEYBALL ELIGIBILITY & RULES OF PLAY CONTINUED

### **III. Rules of Play (Continued)**

after each person on the previous squad has rotated through all six positions. A single substitution must be made at the back center position.

- Q. A person in the back court at the time of serve cannot spike.

### **IV. SCORING: Rally Scoring – Score a point, win a set, and win the match**

- A. A team scores a point:
- i. By successfully grounding the ball on the opponent's court;
  - ii. When the opponent team commits a fault, as defined above;
  - iii. When the opponent team receives a penalty.
- B. A set is won by the team which first scores 25 points with a minimum lead of two points. In the case of a 24-24 tie, play is continued until a two-point lead is achieved (26-24; 27-25; ...). However, if no team is able to obtain a two-point lead, the first team to reach 30 points wins.
- C. The match is won by the team that wins two sets. All three sets will be played during each match.
- D. If the teams are not sure of the outcome of play, play it over.

- V. Scores must be recorded at the end of the match or both teams will receive three losses.**



Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT**

The undersigned, intending to be legally bound hereby, agree to protect, defend, indemnify and hold the Harrisburg Area Postal Employees Pistol & Rifle Club, Inc. and the Dauphin County Bar Association, their successors, officers, agents and employees, including all persons and/or entities in privity thereto, harmless from and against any and all suits, claims and losses, demands, damages, causes of action, actions, warranties, representations, liabilities and expenses, including attorney's fees and court costs, whether known or unknown, whether at any time existing in the past, present or future, which in any way may arise out of, directly or indirectly, any accident or injury which they may sustain, suffer or incur while participating in any manner, in the Dauphin County Young Lawyers' Volleyball League during the **2024** summer season.

The undersigned warrant that they have read the terms of this agreement and they fully understand these terms; and further warrant and understand that the undersigned, and anyone on their behalf, will not be able to maintain an action against the Harrisburg Area Postal Employees Pistol & Rifle Club, Inc. or the Dauphin County Bar Association, as described above, for any accident or injury they may sustain while participating in any manner in the Dauphin County Young Lawyers' Volleyball League during the **2024** summer season.

PLEASE PRINT NAME	ADDRESS & EMAIL	SIGNATURE	DATE

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