

**Donegal Area Church Softball League**  
**2023 July Tournament**  
**Saturday, July 8 (Rain: July 9 after 1pm)**

The Donegal Area Church Softball League (DACSL) comprises 10 church teams from the Elizabethtown, Mt Joy, Marietta and Hershey areas. Our tournament is open to all church league teams playing slow pitch softball. The registration period opens on June 3.

**Location:** Games will be held in Marietta, Maytown and Falmouth (and maybe Elizabethtown), in northwestern Lancaster County. Directions to the fields are available by email or at [dacslnet.net](http://dacslnet.net).

**Format:** Pool play in the morning followed by single elimination playoff brackets in afternoon and evening. See more information at [dacslnet.net](http://dacslnet.net) >> Tournament tab.

**Teams:** Church league teams plus two pickup players. Two church teams may combine to form a single team and are still allowed two pickups; however, any such combinations must be declared to, and approved by, the tournament committee before entering the tournament or playing any games. If your church league allows unchurched players on your roster, you may include all of them but if you are playing two or more such players, then they count as your pickup players. Church teams playing in rec leagues may also be eligible; ask.

**Cost:** \$180 per team, payable to DACSL. Mail check to the address shown below.

**Umpires:** One paid umpire at the plate. All teams, when not playing, will provide base umpers. If you miss a base umpiring assignment, we will collect an extra \$10 from you for the plate umpire.

**Equipment:** Balls, yellow .52 cor./300 lb., supplied by tournament. Bats, approved ASA/USA bats (including composite) with ASA2000, 2004, or 2013 stamp. Check the USA bat list online.

**Playing rules:** The tournament rules are the same as our league's regular season rules as laid out in the league bylaws. In summary, 12-foot limit on pitching arc; pitcher may pitch from the mound or from a mound-wide rectangle extending five feet behind the mound; no metal cleats or jewelry (except wedding bands) during games; batters start with 1-1 count, no courtesy foul; 10-run mercy rule after 5 innings, 15 runs after 4 innings; any number of EPs and/or one DH allowed; courtesy runner allowed; over-the-fence home run limit of three, then one-up. Christian conduct required, no alcohol, tobacco or profanity. DACSL bylaws are at [www.dacslnet.net](http://www.dacslnet.net).

**New for this year:** Strike mat used for balls/strikes. A pitch that hits only the plate and no part of the mat is a ball. We now allow one warning for infractions of the jewelry rule.

**For families:** Playgrounds and pavilions at some fields. Concession stand may be available at some fields. Warning: not much shade at the Armstrong fields. Bring a canopy for your team.

**Registration:** For non-DACSL teams, send me your team name, league name, and manager's name, phone, and email. All teams, make your \$180 check payable to DACSL. Registration opens on June 3. Please register by Wed, June 28. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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