

# De Pere Diggers Volleyball Club

## 2024-2025 CLUB INFORMATION

### Coaches

#### 12s Team

- Amanda Abel (co-coach) - former high school player - 1st year coaching volleyball
- Abbey Rewolinski (co-coach) - former high school player - 1st year coaching volleyball

#### 13s Team -

- Gabby LeClair - Co-Coach - former high school & club player, 2nd year coaching club
- Shauna Slaby - Co-Coach - former high school player, De Pere Middle School coach, 1st year coaching club

#### 14s Team -

- Matt Cassidy - Current De Pere Jr Varsity Coach, 14+ years coaching experience - HS & CLUB
- Laura Cassidy - former high school & Diggers player, 1st year coaching club

#### 15s Team -

- Michelle DeLeeuw - Diggers Director, former player, 12+ years coaching experience - HS, MS, & CLUB
- Bethany Oren - Assistant Coach - former high school player, youth summer school coach, 2nd year coaching club

#### 16s/17s Team -

- PJ Brocker - Current De Pere Freshman Head Coach, 14+ years coaching - HS & Club
- Schelly Somenske - Former high school & collegiate player - 10 years coaching club

*\* All coaches will be current Badger Region Volleyball Members, current background checks, & appropriate training as outlined by the Badger Region Office! \**

### Tryouts

- **12s/13s/14s** (typically 6th, 7th & 8th graders) will be **Sunday, October 6th** at **De Pere High School**.
  - ✓ **12s/13s/14s** - Registration 7:30-8:00am, **Tryouts for 12s - 8:00-10am; 13s/14s - 8-10:30am**
- **15s** (typically 9th) will be **Sunday, November 17th** at **De Pere High School**.
  - ✓ Registration 8:00am, **Tryouts 8:30-10:30am**.

**Please pre-register for tryouts at [www.deperediggers.com](http://www.deperediggers.com).** This will save time during registration on tryout day. Pre-registrations are now open for 12s/13s/14s. The pre-registrations for 15s will open up in early October. Parents can plan to pick up their daughters after tryouts - **tryouts are for players only!**

#### Who can try out?

- Please see the [Age Definitions Chart](#) to confirm the age group.
- For players who are older in their grade, they can try out/play with their 'same grade'. Players need to show proof of the grade they are in - lunch card, student ID, etc. Two age waivers allowed per team.
- Tryouts are open to players from any school district.

#### Tryout Fee

- \$20 - Cash or check made out to **De Pere Diggers** (this is in addition to the USAV Tryout Membership of \$10 that is paid to Badger Region).

#### Badger Region Membership

- Players are required to register using the [Badger Region Website](#).
- Players enrolled in Diggers Days will need a separate membership for tryouts (Tryout Membership - \$10)
- Players under the age of 18 will need a parent/guardian to help with the registration process.
- Registration must be complete **before the player may participate in tryouts** or practice. **There is a \$10 tryout membership for players through Badger Region. If placed on a team, an additional \$45 will need to be paid to complete the full membership.**

- Badger Region membership fees do not include the club fee. The player is required to pay their membership fee via website registration using a debit/credit card OR a separate payment by mail to Badger Region **PRIOR TO TRYOUTS.**

## **Teams**

- Teams formed will depend on the number of players who tryout and the skill/ability level of those players.
- 12s/13s/14s are developmental teams - building skills & knowledge of the game while playing in competitive tournaments.
- 15s & older will build and master skills through practice and compete competitively in tournaments.
- Players must follow Badger Region September 1<sup>st</sup> age cutoffs & guidelines, with the exception of the grade waiver.
- We plan to have 1 team per age level with a minimum of 8 players and a maximum of 12 players.
- 12s Team - TBD - Will participate in at least 6 events (At least 3-4 tournaments; others will be scrimmages). Will update as determined.
- 13s/14s/15s/16s/17s Teams will participate in at least 6 tournaments (January - April).

## **Playing Time**

- Equal playing time is not guaranteed, however, players on the development teams will be provided the appropriate opportunities for skill development in game situations. Playing time will be determined based on skill level/position, effort, commitment to the team, and practice attendance.

## **Cost**

- Player fees will be \$695 per player for 13s-16s teams. **Payment will be collected in full in November.** Player fees will be \$595 per player for 12s Team. If payment arrangements are necessary, we will work with you.
- Players fees cover coaching/director expenses, tournaments, uniform top, warm-up shirt, administrative fees, facility donations, equipment & other club expenses. All travel to and from tournaments is at the expense of the players.

## **Length of Season**

- Practice begins the first weekend in December & will run through March/April.
- Tournaments - January through March/April

## **Practice Schedule (some adjustments may occur once teams are formed)**

- Team practices for all teams will be on **Saturdays** between 8am-2pm, and **Sundays**, between 2-8pm at De Pere MS.
  - Times for each team will be communicated well in advance.
- Players must arrive early to help with equipment set up and be ready to begin practice at scheduled start time. Players must also help with take down of equipment after practice.

## **Tournaments**

- 12s Team will participate in at least 6 events (At least 3-4 tournaments; other events will be scrimmages). Will update as determined.
- 13s-17s teams will play in a minimum of 6 tournaments (locations will vary by team). Some tournaments may require an overnight stay. Teams will have input as to the tournaments they play (bring calendars to All-Players Meeting in November - date TBD).
- Hotel arrangements and expenses are the responsibility of the players.
- 1-day tournaments typically start at 8:00am and will last until 4-5pm.
- A two day tournament, counts as 2 tournaments.
- We will be hosting our 9th annual Dig Fest tournament at De Pere HS on Sunday, January 19th (13s & 14s).

## **Uniforms**

- Uniforms are included in the player fee & will be theirs to keep. A libero uniform will be available for players playing that position, & we will size accordingly.
- A long-sleeved warm-up will also be provided (with Diggers logo).
- Players will need to purchase black spandex, knee pads, shoes & socks on their own.
- All uniforms will be brand new!

## **What to Bring to De Pere Diggers Tryout - link to all forms are below & on the Diggers Website HomePage**

- You must have a printed copy of your **Badger Region Membership Card** or confirmation sheet (available after your registration is activated - Please do this BEFORE you register).
- You must provide a completed [Player Information Sheet](#).
- You must bring a completed [Medical Release Form](#).
- You must read the information on concussions and bring a completed [Concussion Form](#).
- Tryout payment of \$20 cash or checks payable to **De Pere Diggers**.
- Appropriate volleyball attire: T-shirt, spandex, knee pads, shoes, water bottle.

## **Tournament Selection**

- **NEW from Badger Region** - Tournament Registration will now take place beginning October 13th.
- Once the 12s/13s/14s teams are formed after October 6th tryouts, a virtual meeting will be held to select tournaments to enter based on players schedules. This will be done on a team by team basis. Our meeting will take place the week after tryouts (because of October 13th date), **This meeting will be mandatory for player & parent.**
- Our 15s Team will have pre-determined tournaments listed since their team(s) is formed after tournament registrations take place.
- Our 16s/17s combined team will be able to choose their tournaments prior to October 13th since their team is already formed based on retention offers.

## **Go to [www.deperediggers.com](http://www.deperediggers.com) for the latest information!**

If you still have questions, please feel free to email the club director, Michelle DeLeeuw, at [deperediggersvolleyball@gmail.com](mailto:deperediggersvolleyball@gmail.com), or call 920-427-9782.

**Hope to see you all at tryouts!**

**De Pere Diggers Coaches** 