

# All Saints' Episcopal Church is pleased to present the



# Annual Fun In Fellowship DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT JULY 27 - 28, 2011

Friday, July 27: Preliminary Rounds Keiki Division: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Youth Division: 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Masters Division: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

# Saturday, July 28: FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

\*\*\* All day tournament fun!!! \*\*\*

Keiki Division: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Youth Division: 11:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Masters Division: 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

#### **Awards Ceremony following EACH Division**

This year, the tournament will be held on two days with matches for all divisions on both Friday and Saturday, July 27 & 28.

Any individual, group or organization is encouraged to participate. Teams shall be formed based on the following criteria:

- **ALL** teams will consist of no less than 6 players (maximum of 10).
- Keiki & Youth Division teams may be coed
- Master's Division teams have separate brackets for Coed, Kane & Seniors
  - Coed teams shall have no less than <u>3 females</u> on a team with a minimum of <u>3</u> females on the starting line up.
  - Kane teams are intended for all male members but may have females too.
  - Seniors bracket for 35 & Older is mixed gender with no ratio limitation.

- The Division Brackets are established as follows:
  - ➤ Keiki Division, 8 & Under
  - ➤ Keiki Division, 10 & Under
  - > Youth Division, 13 & Under
  - ➤ Youth Division, 17 & Under
  - Masters Division, 18 & Over, Coed
  - Masters Division, 18 & Over, Kane
  - Masters Division, Seniors 35 & Over, Mixed

(Note: If there are less than 3 senior teams formed by July 23, this bracket will be eliminated and teams will be given the option to play in the other Masters brackets.)

#### **2012 TEAM FORMATION RULINGS:**

To allow for as many people to participate in the tournament as possible, a player is limited to playing on no more than two different teams. The teams must be in different brackets, e.g., a player can belong to a team in the youth 13&U division and 17&U division, but not on 2 different 13 & U teams. A player can play up into an older division.

In addition, a team may NOT have more than 3 of the same players participating on two teams within the same division, e.g. You cannot have the same team play in both the Master's Coed and Master's Kane brackets. You CAN form two teams in these brackets as long as both teams have no more than 3 of the same players.

<u>Mixed teams</u> or "family teams" contain players of different ages, and normally participate in the age bracket of the oldest member of the team. For safety reasons, children under the age of 12 are not allowed to play on a Master's Team. In addition, an FIF official can deem a player ineligible to play on an upper division team due to physicality, even if the age requirement is met. A final determination will be made prior to tournament start time.

<u>Age exceptions</u> – In some cases, a team may be formed with an age exception. This would occur when a team has a player that may have just had a birthday that would place him/her in an older bracket. Age exceptions are taken into consideration if the player's birth date was no more than 6 months before the tournament date. This is on a case by case basis and can only be approved by the tournament director. Only one age exception is allowed per team.

<u>Tournament play</u> will be set up on a Round Robin, or pool/double elimination basis. The final determination will depend on the number of teams entered in each division. Matches will be played in rotation by brackets. We encourage participants to stay for the award ceremony immediately following the completion of their division's tournament.

#### **Trophies and special prizes** will be awarded to EACH DIVISION as follows:

- The top three teams in each bracket with the most winning matches
- Best Team Effort (One person from each team selected by team members)
- Best Sportsmanship Team
- Best Uniform/Outfits
- Tournament Team

Although up to ten members are allowed on a team, trophies are initially ordered based on the average of eight members per team. If your winning team has more than eight members, additional trophies will be ordered.

## MANDATORY VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENT: Each team must assign one representative to serve as a volunteer for this program.

The FIF Dodgeball Program is run solely by volunteers, most of which are members of All Saints' Church. With the huge growth this program has seen, we need more volunteers to keep this a viable event. The team representative does not have to be a player and can be a parent or friend of one of the players. Volunteers can choose from a variety of jobs, including helping at open practices, being a referee or other tournament official, help with set-up or breakdown of the tournament, etc. Youth over the age of 12 can serve as referees for the Keiki Divisions during practices and the tournament. We have a variety of duties that even busy representatives will be able to fit into their schedule. Be sure to complete the Team Volunteer Form included with this information.

#### REGISTRATION

### ENTRY INTO THE TOURNAMENT IS <u>FREE</u> TO ALL KAUA'I RESIDENTS AND PAST PARTICIPANTS. ENTRY IS ON A FIRST COME BASIS.

Due to the last minute cancellation and no-show of established teams in last year's tournament, the following returnable "good faith" deposit is required for ALL PLAYERS AND TEAMS at the time of registration and is subject to our Cancellations and Refunds policy:

\$8 per individual player \$45 per team (Minimum 6 players, maximum 10)

Your deposit will be available for pick-up on the day of the tournament. Deposits paid by check will be held until tournament date, July 28, 2012. Be sure to bring your receipt with you for your refund. If you do not pick-up your deposit by the end of the tournament, we will assume that it is being left as a donation.

#### REGISTER EARLY AND AVOID WAITLISTING!

Past participants will receive an early notice email or postcard sometime in June, announcing the tournament. Registration will then be announced to the general public about two weeks later. Information and registration forms will be available online to download, or you may choose to pick up a packet or have one mailed to you. You may also "reserve" a spot in the tournament on-line:

http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=v9t4gcdab&oeidk=a07e6195itv58b2ee45.

The reservation will hold your spot for at least one week, during which time a registration form must be turned in. An entry will not be considered confirmed unless the following items have been received and acknowledged by a tournament official:

- 1. Registration Form Minor or Adult
- 2. Team Registration Form & Volunteer Form (Only for those entering a full team) \*
- 3. Player Acknowledgment Form (found at the end of FIF Rules)
- 4. Deposit (Required of ALL players and teams both new and returning)

\* If you are forming a complete team, a Team Registration Form will be acceptable to confirm initial registration, but individual Player forms and Player Acknowledgment Forms are still required and must be received no later than July 23, 2012, or the team could be subject to elimination. Please note that players cannot participate in open practices until both the Player Registration and the Player Acknowledgment Form is turned in.

Due to tournament time constraints, there are a limited number of teams and matches that can be scheduled. Entry is based on the time a team or player is officially registered. If the maximum number of teams in a division is reached, late registrants will be advised and placed on a waiting list.

#### **CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS**

If an individual or team is withdrawing, registration fees will be refunded provided cancellation is made no later than **July 16, 2012**. All deposits become non-refundable after this date with the following exception: If, after July 16<sup>th</sup>, a division is combined or eliminated due to lack of participants, you will be given the choice to participate in another division or withdraw. If you decide to withdraw, your deposit will be fully refunded.

#### **PRACTICE**

For those that do not have a place to practice, we will have open practice sessions scheduled at the All Saints' Gym, beginning July 9th. Practice times will be posted at the gym. Open practices are run and supervised by an FIF official, and are open to all registered participants. If you would like private practice times with your own team, or would like to arrange scrimmages with other teams, please let us know. Gym availability is limited, so booking a practice time is based on a first come first serve basis. For Keiki and Youth Division teams, at least one adult must be present to supervise and be responsible for private practice sessions, including straightening and lock up of the gym. If an adult is not available, or your team does not have a coach, please let us know on the Registration Form by checking the box "We will need a coach or team leader", and every effort will be made to accommodate you.

**Note:** BALLS ARE PROVIDED AT OPEN PRACTICES, BUT WILL <u>NOT</u> BE AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE PRACTICES. We will have some balls available for purchase, or please order them online ahead of time.

#### TOURNAMENT RULES

It is imperative that each player understand and abide by the tournament rules. <u>Each player is required to sign and turn in the Player Acknowledgement Form</u> included with the registration forms which states that they have read and understand the tournament rules and Code of Conduct. If there are any questions, it is up to each player to have these questions clarified by a tournament official prior to game play. Tournament rules will be available online with the information and registration forms, and are available for pick-up or snail mail in the registration packets.

#### TEAM PARENTS AND TEAM CAPTAINS

Each Keiki Division team (8 & Under and 10 & Under) shall assign a "Team Parent, Adult, or Team Leader (age 13 or older)" who will be responsible to supervise and check-in the team for each match during the tournament. All other division teams shall assign a "Team Captain" to be responsible for checking in the team for each match, and to be sure they report to the player's entrance when announced. Failure to do so could result in unnecessary delays, scratches and forfeits.

#### **INFORMATION & CONTACT**

**Visit our Facebook page** to see team photos from last year's event! Go to **FIF Dodgeball** and look for the turquoise FIF logo! Printed information and forms can be mailed or e-mailed to you and are also available for pick-up at Hale Lani Christian Store located in the All Saints Gym in Kapa'a, 1051 Kuhio Highway. Store times are Monday & Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., and Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The store is closed on Fridays and all Federal and State holidays. Completed forms may also be dropped off at the store. For more information please contact:

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#### **FAQS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### Why dodgeball?

Some have questioned the safety and competitive nature of dodgeball, and why we chose this particular game. The organizers wrestled with these issues as well, but after much prayer and discussion, the decision came back to the original intent, which was for our youth to have a fun day and fellowship with others in the community. The game they had enthusiastically agreed upon was dodgeball.

#### Winning isn't everything!

As in any competitive sport, there is an opportunity to learn some important life lessons. Handled positively, competition doesn't have to mean only winning. Competition should serve to bring out the best in each participant, creating an opportunity for growth, discipline, and sportsmanship. Although trophies are given to match winners, our main awards focus on good sportsmanship and team effort, voted on by officials, team mates and spectators.

#### Is dodgeball dangerous?

Like any sport, there is always the possibility of injury, whether it comes from a fall or collision, but dodgeball is no more dangerous than soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball or football, and the nature of the sport itself involves much less physical contact. For tournament play and open practices, we use special foam balls that are significantly safer than the common playground rubber balls, and are considered non-stinging.

#### How is this event funded?

For the first two years, the County of Kauai awarded grants from the Anti-drug Healing Our Island fund. Since then, we have received generous grants from various organizations and businesses around the island. For the second year in a row, the tournament is being funded in large part to a generous grant from the Antone & Edene Vidinha Charitable Trust (Bank of Hawaii, trustee). This event is organized and hosted by All Saints' Church as part of its community outreach efforts. All Saints' Church is committed to serving the community, and to provide fun activities for all ages. If you would like to help support this program, donations are being accepted. You may also purchase an ad in the FIF Dodgeball Program which is given out at the tournament.