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DANVILLE OAKS MISSION STATEMENT

The Danville Oaks Rugby Club's mission is to provide youth in the Tri-Valley qualified instruction in rugby fundamentals and to engender a life-long love of the sport. Teams of varying levels of competition, from recreational (everyone welcome, all play in games) to highly competitive (highest-skilled players selected to play in games) are offered. Play becomes more competitive as players advance in age and ability. Special attention is given to character development, including community service. The "Danville Oaks Rugby Football Association" is a California non-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation (36-4646987) and a member of USA Rugby and the Northern California Youth Rugby Association.

OAKS HIGH SCHOOL & MS GIRLS RUGBY COACHING STAFF

TEAM	HEAD COACH	EMAIL
JV HS Boys	Kevin Barth	kevinbarth68@gmail.com
Staff: Eric Friess, Bob Grier, Sean Gann, Blake Kessler, Toby Pontin and Nick Rainsford		
Varsity HS Boys	Chris O'Brien	oaksdor@danvillerugby.com
Staff: Jon Beck, Jon Besag (Team Manager), David Liebowitz, and Kort Schubert		
Varsity HS Girls	Win Shortland	winshortland@yahoo.com
	Lopeti Malupo	petimalupo82@gmail.com
Staff: Scott Chapman (Team Manager) Jessica Lewis		
MS Girls	Josh Glaser	josh@glaserassociates.com
	Annette Hagewiesche	secretary@danvillerugby.com
Staff: Keola Baclayon (Team Manager), Simi Hingano and Alfogia Onciano		

COMMUNICATION

Email is the primary form of communication for the Oaks teams. Email pushes from Sports Engine to the player roster is linked to your account email. Please ensure your account contact information is up to date! You can add more emails to receive duplicate copies of correspondence.

See how to do this here: <https://help.sportsengine.com/en/articles/314-how-to-add-guardians>.

Our Website SportEngine has a mobile application for each team to keep updated with the latest information. To learn how to download the mobile application and follow your team go here:

www.danvillerugby.com/usingsportsngin or go to danvillerugby.com, *Connect* tab, then click *Guide to SportsEngine*.

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Be sure to become a member of our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/DanvilleOaks/>.

Posting photos of Oaks players in action is welcome for all Oaks teams.

OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNICATION

~~The Boys Varsity will also be communicating with the players on the Varsity team with a Group Me text application. Should parents wish to be included on these messages please contact the Team Manager with your mobile phone information. The Girls Varsity primarily uses Sports Engine email, but Coach Win also has a group text for quick, direct communication to players. Players and/or parents should connect with Coach Win to be sure they are on that group text.~~

WEEKDAY PRACTICES

Diablo Vista Park (aka Snake Park), 1000 Tassajara Ranch Dr, Danville, CA 94526¹

<https://www.danville.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/254/Diablo-Vista-Park---Sports-Fields?bidId=>

Team	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JV HS Boys	7:00 to 9:00 pm		7:00 to 9:00 pm		
Varsity HS Boys ²	4:00 to 6:00 pm				
Varsity HS Girls ³		7:00 to 9:30 pm		7:00 to 9:30 pm	
MS Girls		7:00 to 8:30 pm		7:00 to 8:30 pm	

EQUIPMENT- The Rugby Kit

Rugby equipment is made to withstand the rigors of the sport. Other equipment may be subject to rip or tear during practice and games. Required Rugby Equipment is as follows: black rugby shorts, black socks, cleats (no toe cleat), and a mouthpiece. Cleats can be rugby 'boots', soccer or molded turf cleats, football cleats without the toe cleat. Keep in mind the majority of games will be played on artificial turf. Tights and/or compression shorts are allowed under rugby shorts.

¹ In April practices and most matches will move to Diablo Vista Middle School Turf Field.

<https://www.danville.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/253/Diablo-Vista-Middle-School---Sports-Fields?bidId=>

² Captain led stretching starts at 4:00 pm. Official practice starts at 4:30 pm

³ Varsity Girls preseason practices will coincide with MS Girls practice from 7:00-8:30 pm. The Varsity Girls staff will inform families of changes in practice times.

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World Rugby approved protective gear is optional. Oaks practice jerseys are optional. Oaks Team Match Day Jerseys are provided and kept by the Oaks for each team.

The Oaks have a new kit supplier this year, Ruggers.com. To purchase Oaks kit (jerseys, shorts, socks) please go to the Oaks Ruggers Store found at www.danvillerrugby.com/gear. You will also find other gear like jackets, hats, backpacks, etc.

Lastly, Danville Oaks Rugby 'Spirit Wear' can be purchased on the Total Threads Oaks Store also at www.danvillerrugby.com/gear. This is spirit wear and outwear only, not uniforms.

Should you have any questions concerning what gear is needed for your player please contact our Equipment Coordinator at equipment@danvillerrugby.com

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

What is a dib?

A dib is a Volunteer Scheduling Tool

Why does Danville Oaks Rugby have dibs?

A successful Rugby organization requires a team effort on and off the field. Our coaches are busy ensuring a safe and developmentally beneficial program for each of our children. We need everyone's help to keep things running smoothly and to provide the best experience for everyone. Danville Oaks is a not for profit, volunteer driven organization.

Each HS player (or representative, i.e. family member) is required to volunteer a minimum of 10 hours (dib credits), assisting at the Team or Club level. Middle School players are required to volunteer 5 hours (dib credits). Families with more than one player (at any age level) must volunteer a minimum of 10 hours. Volunteers may assist in one or more areas.

GAME DAY POSITIONS

Field Set Up, Field Tear Down, Laundry of Jerseys, Food/Hospitality, Field Marshall, Technical Zone Monitor, Water, Ice, among other duties.

The Key Team Volunteer Positions (back ground check may be required) are the following:

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TEAM MANAGER

You'll be responsible for providing support for your team's coaching staff for practices, game days and with any other needs they may have. This includes, but is not limited to collecting jerseys and refilling water for the teams on game days. Some of the tasks that you will lead include coordination of travel details for away games for teams, creation of CMS rosters for games and printing CMS Rosters for game day. You may need to work closely with the Team Parent(s) to ensure proper communications are sent out regarding player availability (RSVPs).

TEAM PARENT

This position is critical to helping the team function effectively, and the coaches depend on your assistance to coordinate important information to team members.

Practices/Games- Be available as the main information resource for parents regarding practices and games. Coordinate with the Head Coach to send communications and RSVPs to parents concerning tasks. Work with other team volunteers to ensure completion of assigned tasks. You will work closely with the Team Volunteer Coordinator. Together you must ensure the following:

Game Day⁴-

Coordinate the set up of team tents for player protection and team tables.

Coordinate food for post-game social: home games only (stipend provided)

Organize End of Year Party

Organize Team Contributions for Club Auction

Ensure Jerseys have been washed and returned to Team Manager

TEAM VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

The Team Volunteer Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the team volunteer positions are filled and overseeing the DIB process for the team. You will set up DIBS for the team/match day volunteer jobs on the website as well as monitor volunteer jobs, performance of jobs by parents and mark DIBS complete. You will assist the Registrar and/or Club Volunteer coordinator with obtaining volunteer deposits as well as reviewing DIB completion at the end of the season. This position will work closely with the Team Parent and the Oak's Volunteer Coordinator.

For home games, you will coordinate field & equipment volunteers for set up and tear down on game day. For all games you will coordinate volunteers to provide water, ice & oranges. For home games you will coordinate coverage for concessions and/or hospitality

TEAM REGISTRAR

You'll be responsible for providing support for registration of your team players with Rugby NorCal. You will coordinate with the Oak's Registrar and players' parents regarding outstanding registration

⁴ Everyone needs to help the Team Parents with the execution of these tasks

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issues. You will support the Club Registrar to troubleshoot team registration issues. You may be asked to create CMS rosters for games and printing CMS Rosters for game day.

TEAM SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

You'll be responsible for providing content for website and Facebook postings concerning your team. You will coordinate with the Team Photographer concerning media sources for website postings and Facebook postings. You will also coordinate with the coaching staff for Team Write-Ups.

TEAM PHOTOGRAPHER

You'll be responsible for taking, collecting and uploading pictures of the team onto the Club's website and/or Facebook page. You will work closely with the Social Media Coordinator and other Club volunteers that will use photographs for newsletters and social media.

For more information about Club, Team and Game day volunteer positions; please visit our Volunteer webpage at www.danvillerrugby.com/volunteer. Please ask your Head Coach about positions that need to be filled!

When can I fulfill a dib?

You can fulfill dibs anytime during the preseason or season. You may choose to fulfill dibs at your athlete's match or for another Oak's team or Oak's event. Please stay connected to your team by following your teams on the mobile application as well as reading emails from your coaches and team volunteers. In order to fulfill your volunteer requirements on game days, you will need to check in at the Volunteer Tent at the field to fulfill your dibs.

How/Where do I claim a dib?

Login to danvillerrugby.com. You should have a login and password from registration.

1. Once on the home page, click the "DIBS" tab and then click "Active Sessions". You will see many active sessions, click on your team's session (i.e. U8 or Boys JV) or an event (i.e. Oaks Mixer)

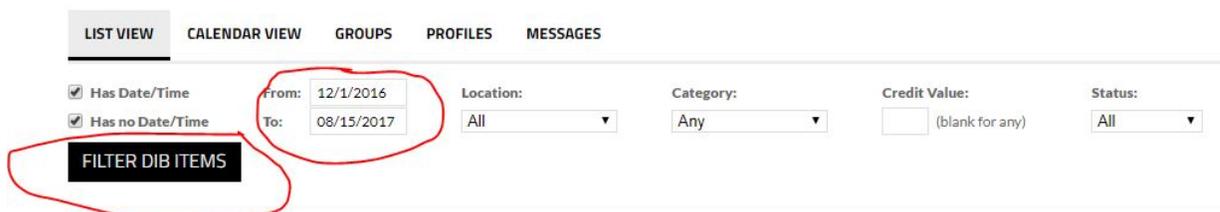
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2. Enter in appropriate date range and click “filter DIB items”.



3. Once the list appears you can choose what you would like to volunteer for by clicking on the bold description in the Item column. You should see the available jobs, already claimed, jobs etc.

ITEM	CREDITS	LOCATION	ATHLETE	FULLFILLER	STATUS	DATE/TIME	CATEGORY	FULLFILLER
AWAY: Ice 1 (Medium Cooler w...	1	TBD	Tyler Largen	David Largen	Completed	01/29/2017, 12:00am PST	Game Day Positions	da
AWAY: Oranges 1	1	TBD	jared patterson	shane patterson	Completed	01/29/2017, 12:00am PST	Game Day Positions	sh
AWAY: Oranges 2	1	TBD	Jeremy Patterson	shane patterson	Completed	01/29/2017, 12:00am PST	Game Day Positions	sh
AWAY: Team Set-Up 1	1	TBD	Ryan Teng	Chris Teng	Completed	01/29/2017, 12:00am PST	Game Day Positions	
AWAY: Team Take Down 1	1	TBD	-	-	Unclaimed	01/29/2017, 12:00am PST	Game Day Positions	
AWAY: Water cooler and water ...	2	TBD	Ethan Haldezos	Elias Haldezos	Completed	01/29/2017, 12:00am PST	Game Day Positions	
AWAY: Water refills	2	TBD	Caleb Padrid	Joe Padrid	Completed	01/29/2017, 12:00am PST	Game Day Positions	

4. You will be asked to enter in your “ATHLETE’S NAME” and the “FULLFILLER’s name”. Please make sure you sign up under the proper profile, especially if you have more than 1 profile or different surnames.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS- VARSITY MATCH SCHEDULE

League matches start on March 7th. The Boys Varsity High School schedule is listed in the table below. Exact times will be announced and posted on www.danvillerrugby.com team page and the mobile application as the information becomes available from the league.

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
2/1/2020	Pre-Season	Varsity Boys	Pleasanton	DVP	Saturday
2/22/2020	Pre-Season	Varsity Boys	Menlo-Atherton	Cal Berkeley	Saturday
2/29/2020	Pre-Season	Varsity Boys	Elise Alan	Elise Alan	Saturday

MARCH 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
3/7/2020	Week 1	Varsity Boys	Lamorinda	Danville- DVP	Saturday
3/14/2020	Week 2	Varsity Boys	SFGG	Danville-DVP	Saturday
3/21/2020	Week 3	Varsity Boys	De La Salle	De La Salle	Saturday
3/28/2020	Week 4	Varsity Boys	Jesuit	Saint Mary's College	Saturday

APRIL 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
4/4/2020	Week 5	Varsity Boys	Spring Tour	San Diego	Saturday
4/11/2020	Week 6	Varsity Boys	Bye	Bye	Bye
4/18/2020	Week 7	Varsity Boys	Marin	Marin	Saturday
4/25/2020	Week 8	Varsity Boys	Granite Bay (A) MotherLode (B)	Danville	Saturday

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MAY 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
5/2/2020	Week 9	Varsity Boys	Rugby NorCal Playoffs	TBD	Saturday
5/9/2020	Week 10	Varsity Boys	RNC Championships	TBD	Saturday
		Varsity Boys	HS Boys National Club Championships	UTAH	

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS- JV MATCH SCHEDULE

League matches start on March 7th. The Boys JV High School schedule is listed in the table below. Exact times will be announced and posted on www.danvillerrugby.com team page and the mobile application as the information becomes available from the league.

FEBRUARY 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
2/8/2020	Pre-Season	JV Boys	Lamorinda	Lamorinda	Saturday
2/15/2020	Pre-Season	JV Boys	De La Salle	De La Salle	Saturday
2/22/2020	Pre-Season	JV Boys	Sac Valley KOT	Rancho Cordova	Saturday
2/29/2020	Pre-Season	JV Boys	Los Angeles Invitational	Carson	Fri-Sun

MARCH 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
3/7/2020	Week 1	JV Boys	Lamorinda	Danville-DVP	Saturday
3/14/2020	Week 2	JV Boys	SFGG	Danville-DVP	Saturday
3/21/2020	Week 3	JV Boys	De La Salle	De La Salle	Saturday
3/28/2020	Week 4	JV Boys	Jesuit	Saint Mary's College	Saturday

APRIL 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
4/4/2020	Week 5	JV Boys	TBD	TBD	Saturday
4/11/2020	Week 6	JV Boys	Bye	Bye	Bye
4/18/2020	Week 7	JV Boys	Marin	Marin	Saturday
4/25/2020	Week 8	JV Boys	Granite Bay (A)	Danville	Saturday

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MAY 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
5/2/2020	Week 9	JV Boys	Rugby NorCal Playoffs		Saturday
5/9/2020	Week 10	JV Boys	RNC Championships		Saturday

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS- VARSITY MATCH SCHEDULE

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FEBRUARY 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
2/22/2020		Varsity Girls	KOT or Self Schedule	TBD	Saturday
2/29/2020	Week 0	Varsity Girls	Self Schedule	TBD	Saturday

MARCH 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
3/7/2020	Week 1	Varsity Girls	Milpitas (NL)	Danville	Saturday
3/14/2020	Week 2	Varsity Girls	Broncos	Danville	Saturday
3/21/2020	Week 3	Varsity Girls	Berkeley/Alameda	Danville Supersite	Saturday
3/28/2020	Week 4	Varsity Girls	El Camino OR Self Schedule	TBD	Saturday

APRIL 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
4/4/2020	Week 5	Varsity Girls	Solo	Danville Supersite	Saturday
4/11/2020	Week 6	Varsity Girls	Spring Break Bye	Bye	Bye
4/18/2020	Week 7	Varsity Girls	Milpitas	TBD	Saturday
4/25/2020	Week 8	Varsity Girls	Bye or Self Schedule	TBD	Saturday

MAY 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
5/2/2020	Week 9	Varsity Girls	Rugby NorCal Playoffs	TBD	Saturday
5/9/2020	Week 10	Varsity Girls	RNC Championships	Sacramento or Stockton	Saturday

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MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS MATCH SCHEDULE

League matches start on March 7th. The Girls Middle School schedule is listed in the table below. Exact times will be announced and posted on www.danvillerrugby.com team page and the mobile application as the information becomes available from the league.

FEBRUARY 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
2/22/2020		MS Girls	KOT	Rancho Cordova HS	Saturday
2/29/2020	Week 0	MS Girls	Self Schedule	TBD	Saturday

MARCH 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
3/7/2020	Week 1	MS Girls	TBD	TBD	Saturday
3/14/2020	Week 2	MS Girls	Various Teams TBD	Pleasanton Supersite	Saturday
3/21/2020	Week 3	MS Girls	Round Robbin 4 Teams	Danville Supersite	Saturday
3/28/2020	Week 4	MS Girls	Various Teams TBD	Cal Maritime with Sacramento	Saturday

APRIL 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
4/4/2020	Week 5	MS Girls	Round Robbin 4 teams	Danville Supersite	Saturday
4/11/2020	Week 6	MS Girls	Spring Break Bye	Bye	Bye
4/18/2020	Week 7	MS Girls	Various Teams TBD	Lamorinda Supersite	Saturday
4/25/2020	Week 8	MS Girls	Self Schedule/Make ups	TBD	Saturday

MAY 2020

Date	Type	Team	Opponent	Location	Day
5/2/2020	Week 9	MS Girls	Self Schedule	TBD	Saturday
5/9/2020	Week 10	MS Girls	RNC Championships with Sacramento	TBD	Saturday