



Indoor vBall has returned! It's good to see the familiar faces, and as always, it's great to meet the new ones. We have five teams this season and will be using a double-header/bye week scheduling model. Early in the season teams take turns playing two matches a week, then byes will be used late in the season to keep the schedule even.

This season is shaping up to be a battle of the powerhouse teams: We Run This returns to the hardwood and defending indoor champs Chi-Town Fusion are in good form. Of the three remaining teams, two are made up of individuals (Indy teams) and a returning unit, Notorious D.I.G. It's important to note that although the Indy teams have many new faces, they also have some iTZ vBall veterans joining the fray. All teams have a period of acclimation when the season starts, namely the champs taking a loss the very first game of week 1 to Indy 1. But, this period seems to have hit the Indy teams the worse, with a combined single win between them in 2 weeks. Another common hurdle early in the season is attendance, and we saw many sub players in week 2. A word of advice: subs play at their own discretion. If a team does not have enough players, and subs aren't available or willing, that team will forfeit. Let's show up on time for our games and get our Friday Night Spikes on! Despite attendance woes, Notorious D.I.G. was able to fair quite well in their double-header showing last week.

Looking forward to the remainder of the season, I see a sub-rivalry brewing between Indy teams as they square off on each other this upcoming week. But, keep an eye on Notorious D.I.G. we saw Chi-Town Fusion hang around mid-pack for a couple seasons before making a push to the front starting on the beach, then riding that momentum to the indoor season. Notorious D.I.G. has been around for several seasons and it just may be their time...of course, we have yet to see a team defeat We Run This on the hardwood, as they didn't participate in the last indoor season. Standings can be viewed online at: <http://officialinthezone.com/volleyball-schedule.php#>

See you Friday! – your IT Specialist, Community Manager, Asst. Indoor vBall Manager.