



Dads for Life – Sept 2023



“Jodi, do you want us to sign up for the Dads for Life event?”

“Yes, daddy. Let’s do it!”

I heard how the Dads for Life events were well received and we did not hesitate to sign up for this year’s edition.

The event did not disappoint me. Jodi and I had a great time together, so did the 38 other father-daughter pairings. There was much laughter, cheering and even screaming in the morning air!



There was a total of 3 activities, which were carefully planned out by the Central Parent Council (CPC) team.

1. Team Telematch for each father-daughter working together to move water balloons from point to point.
2. Father-daughter quiz on “How well do you know each other?”
3. Uniquely designed football game. It was a chance to see if the dads knew our daughters, testing our limits and if we were able to work with them.



The first activity was a team telematch. There were 4 teams of about 9-10 pairings competing. The task seemed simple enough but fathers being fathers, it quickly became apparent that every team tried to game the system. It was hilarious. The final result didn't really matter because at the end of it, the real fun began when the official shouted "Now, all your daughters can take the water balloons to get their daddies!". Cue the screaming, from the daughters and fathers. Oh, Jodi got me nicely in the tummy.



For the father-daughter quiz, it was indeed a real test. Each of us must answer 5 questions on each other's preferences. I got stumped on "Who is your daughter's best friend?". I offered two names, and both were wrong! Jodi faired much better than me. I was secretly pleased that she knew my preferences. There were a few perfect scores among other teams and that was impressive!



The football game was played with some nice twists. Only the daughters were allowed to score. The fathers were restricted to the midfield area. And the last twist - the daddy standing in as the goalkeeper must be blindfolded and could only take instructions from his daughter. Again, the laughter came from the funny antics of the daddy goalkeepers and the 'tactics' from some teams. At some point, the width of the goals was clearly different. We were all wondering who moved the goal posts and who asked them to do so.

While everyone was still in big smiles on sweaty faces, prizes were given out for the games segment and best-dressed duo. During refreshment, there was much fellowship, joy and laughter amongst the different father-daughter pairs.

A big thanks to both CPC team and the mommy volunteers for organizing the event. It was well put together and I am certain the 11th edition next year will be more exciting. For many of us, the bonding time would stay in our memories for a long time.

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