

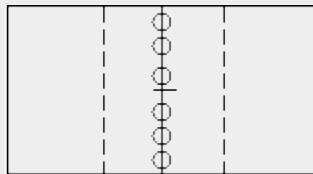
Dodgeball Tournament Rules

THE TEAM

Teams will be made up of six players plus one sub (optional). Teams can consist of all men, women or be coed. Six players or less will compete on the field at one time; additional team members will be available as substitutes. Substitutes may enter the game only during the beginning of a game in a three game series or in the case of an injury. During tournament play - rosters are locked at the start of your first game. No roster changes will be allowed after.

THE FIELD

The game will be played indoors on a gym floor. The playing field shall be a rectangle 60 feet x 30 feet – Identical to a volleyball court, divided into two equal sections by a center-line and attack-lines 3 meters from, and parallel to the centerline.



IDEAL MEASUREMENTS: 60 feet x 30 feet – Identical to a volleyball court.

THE EQUIPMENT

The official balls used in tournament and league play are rubber-coated foam balls.

THE GAME

<THE REFEREE'S DECISION IS FINAL – NO EXCEPTIONS>

The object of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them "OUT". This may be done by:

1. Hitting an opposing player with a LIVE thrown ball below the shoulders.
2. Catching a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.
3. The ball hitting off of your teammate and you catch the ball.
4. Headshots are not allowed. The victim will be allowed to continue to play. Although, if a player is jumping, ducking, diving or on the ground, they are considered fair game and will be considered out. This outcome will heavily be based on the referee's decision.

Definition: LIVE: A ball that has been thrown and has not touched anything, including the floor/ground, another ball, official or other item outside of the playing field (wall, ceiling, etc.).

BOUNDARIES

During play, all players must remain within the boundary lines. Players may leave the boundaries through their end-line only to retrieve stray balls. They must also return through their end-line. During the first 4 minutes of a game, players can not cross their 3 meter line from center court (the dash line in picture on page 1).

THE OPENING RUSH

Game begins by placing the dodgeballs along the center line – three on one side of the center hash and three on the other. Players then take a position behind their end line. Following a signal by the referee, teams may approach the centerline to retrieve the balls. This signal officially starts the contest. Teams may only retrieve the three balls to their right of the center hash. Once a ball is retrieved it must be taken behind the attack-line before it can be legally thrown.

TIMING AND WINNING A GAME

A five-minute time limit has been established for each game. The first team to legally eliminate all opposing players will be declared the winner. If neither team has been eliminated with one-minute remaining, teams will be allowed to advance and throw from the center line to eliminate players to declare a winner.

5-SECOND VIOLATION

In order to reduce stalling, a violation will be called if a team in the lead controls all six balls on their side of the court for more than five seconds. This also applies to teams in a tie situation. The penalty for the violation will consist of the stalling team throwing a ball over to the opposing team. If it happens again then the stalling team will be throwing two balls over to the opposing team and so forth.

RULE ENFORCEMENT

During tournament play, rules will be enforced primarily by the "honor system"*. Players will be expected to rule whether or not a hit was legal or whether they were legally eliminated. All games will be supervised by a referee(s)*. The referee's responsibility will be to rule on any situation in which teams cannot agree. **THE REFEREE(S) DECISION IS FINAL – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

*NOTE: During tournament play, All Semi-Final and Final Round matches will be officiated by no less than two Referees. These referees will rule on all legal hits, out-of-bounds and 5-second violations to the best of their capability.

Code of Conduct

1. Understand, appreciate and abide by the rules of the game.
2. Respect the integrity and judgment of game staff members.
3. Respect your opponent and congratulate them in a courteous manner following each match whether in victory or defeat.
4. Be responsible for your actions and maintain self-control.
5. Refrain from using foul or abusive language