



Dodgeball Tournament Rules & General Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Games will be played with 5 players on each side.
- Each team can have up to 10 players.
- The match format will be a Round Robin style tournament. Each team will play each team once and the top 4 seeds will move onto the championship round.
- All players must wear tennis shoes and proper attire throughout every match.

OBJECT OF THE GAME

- Eliminate all opposing players and be the team with the most players left on the court.

COURT

- The games will be played indoors at Penderlea Gym. The playing field will be the boundary of the volleyball court, divided into 2 equal sections by a center boundary line.
- Players are not allowed to cross the sidelines to go out of bounds.
- Players are not allowed to leave the playing field to avoid being hit or attempt to catch a ball.
- If a player goes out of bounds to retrieve a ball, he/she must go out through the baseline and come in through the baseline.
- Players cannot linger out of bounds to retrieve a ball. They must retrieve it and re-enter the court immediately, through the baseline.
- Balls that are out of play can only be retrieved and re-entered into play by active players on either team that have legally left the court and re-entered it, or by the official, may throw balls back into play at their discretion and to the side of the court where the ball already is out of play. Spectators and players that are "Out" cannot retrieve balls and throw them back into play.
- The center line will divide the teams. Players cannot cross over to the opposing side and may not step on the line.

START OF PLAY

- Teams line up on the baseline to begin each game. One foot must be on the baseline.
- 5 dodgeballs will be placed on the center line, spread out evenly to start the game.
- Official will blow the whistle signifying the start of the play. Players will charge the balls to gain control.
- Players must then return to the baseline before throwing a ball. Throwing a ball prior to returning to the baseline will result in an out.

GAME RULES

- Each game has a time limit of 5 minutes. A team wins by eliminating all the opposing team's players OR once the time limit is up, the team with the most players on the court wins.
- There must be a constant flow of throwing. A player cannot hold, hide, or freeze balls.
- Players can only have one ball at a time.
- All throws must be legitimate throws across the midcourt line at the players on the opposing team. No spiked balls at the floor, balls thrown at the ceiling, or at the back wall to avoid being possibly caught.

OUTS

A player is out when:

- He/she gets hit by a ball in the air thrown by a member of the opposing team from the legal area. Exception: the ball cannot hit the opposing player in the head. Players hit in the head are NOT out.
- He/she illegally steps out of bounds by going over the sidelines or by stepping out of the baseline other than to get a ball from out of bounds.
- He/she steps on or over the middle line.
- A ball he/she throws is caught in the air by an opposing player before it hits the ground.

A player is NOT out if:

- He/she is hit by a ball in the air after he/she has already hit another player.
- He/she is hit by a ball that is then caught in the air by a teammate before hitting the ground. The player that threw the ball is out.
- A thrown ball that deflects off the ground, wall, backboard, bleachers, or another player is considered "dead" and cannot get another player out. No pinball effect.
- A thrown ball that deflects off a ball held by an opposing player is dead if it hits the ground, but if it is caught prior to hitting the ground, the player who threw it is out.
- A player using a ball to deflect a ball is thrown from opposing players is out if the ball used for deflection is dropped.
- Once a player is called out, they cannot re-enter the game.

OFFICIALS

- The official will call players out when he/she witnesses them.
- The officials' calls are final. PERIOD!
- Arguing, swearing, dirty play, and cheating will result in being removed from the game, match, or tournament by the official or tournament director.

PLAYER CONDUCT

- No aiming throws toward other player's heads.
- No arguing with or swearing at other teams or players.
- If players are hit, they should take themselves out of the game even if not witnessed by the official.