

## Dodgeball Rules

1. Teams must be paid in full prior to the tournament's first game, otherwise the team will be disqualified.
2. All team members must have waivers signed and on record prior to the tournament's first game, otherwise the team will play their game with only the number of team members with signed waivers.
3. Each team will start the game with 5 players lined up along the back edge of the playing zone on their side of the court.
4. Prior to your match starting, teams must designate what side of the court eliminated players will go to once players are out.
5. Each game is a max. of 5 minutes, although games may end more quickly. A game is over when all of the players on one team have been eliminated.
6. The game begins when the referee blows their whistle.
7. Once the game has begun teams run to retrieve one of the balls on the center line. Players can now begin to throw balls at the opposing team. Players foot cannot cross the center line, but players can reach across the center line to grab balls.
8. At the start of the game the balls are placed on the center line. Any players foot that crosses the center line means you are out.
9. When eliminated players must immediately put up their hand and call "Out!" and move PROMPTLY off the court to sit/stand at the designated wall.
10. To eliminate a player they must be hit with a ball below the shoulders. If the ball bounces before it hits the opposing player that player is not eliminated.
11. A player is also eliminated if a member of the opposing team catches the ball thrown at them "in the air" before it hits the ground. The team that "catches" this ball also gets to have one of their eliminated players return to the court.
12. If a ball is thrown and strikes multiple opposing players before hitting the ground/wall/etc. all of the players the ball struck are out. If the ball strikes a player and then is caught by that player's teammate, the initial player struck is not out, but the thrower is.
13. A player is eliminated if they drop a ball at any time. This includes dropping the ball to catch another ball.
14. Once a ball hits the ground, wall, or any apparatus in the gym the ball is considered dead and cannot either eliminate a player who is hit or be caught to eliminate a player from the other team.
15. If a person is hit in the head, the person is not eliminated. However the person who threw the ball, whether intentional or not is eliminated.
16. If a player is hit in the head as a result of ducking, that person is eliminated and the thrower receives no penalty.
17. Players that are eliminated are able to return as a result of a caught ball. Players must return in the order in which they were eliminated – first off is first back on.
18. If any part of a player touches the floor across the center line that player is eliminated.
19. You may not play the ball with your feet or kick the ball, this will result in the player being eliminated.