

**IMPORTANT: Remember, everyone is out there for fun and it's only a game. No back talking or abuse of the officials will be tolerated. These are not "professional" dodgeball officials and mistakes may be made. Treat them with respect, anyone not doing so will be asked to leave.**

## 1. EQUIPMENT

- 1.1. The official ball will be foam balls

## 2. PLAYER CONDUCT

- 2.1. HONESTY is of the utmost importance. The official or officials are present to call plays that are not obvious or difficult to see or follow the flow of play, such as deflections and line infractions. As a player YOU KNOW when you are hit by a dodgeball.
- 2.2. When you are hit by a dodgeball, raise your hand and jog to the side of the court where the sub line is. By raising your hand your opponent knows not to throw at you again.
- 2.3. The officials decision is final - NO EXPECTATIONS
- 2.4. Any excessive arguing or abuse of the official may result in the ejection of the player from the tournament
- 2.5. Any player or fan is encouraged to root for their own team but rooting against teams or use of disparaging language is discouraged and could result in penalties of players or dismissals of fans. Any fans of teams may be asked to leave by Club Sport staff. Refusal to leave could result in forfeiture of games.

## 3. ROSTERS/LINEUPS/ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 3.1. Everyone playing must be 18 years old and must sign the team's roster/waiver before playing
- 3.2. Any additions to the rosters must be made by the start of the 2nd game.
- 3.3. All players to be eligible must sign before they play and must be signed in by the start of the 3rd game.
  - 3.3.1. If a player is not signed in on the roster by then, they are not eligible for playoffs
  - 3.3.2. Playing with eligible players in the playoffs may result in a forfeit. This call will be made by Club Sport staff
- 3.4. Pickup Players are not allowed for any games
- 3.5. Play consists of 6 (3m/3f). Women can play in place of men.
- 3.6. Substitute players are not allowed during a match, but may be used for your next match as long as they are signed on the roster

## 4. GAME PLAY

- 4.1. To start the game each team has 2 dodgeballs strategically placed 8' from the center line of the court and 1 more ball 4' from the center line.
- 4.2. A ball is not dead until it hits the ground or an out of bounds net/pole.
  - 4.2.1. If a thrown ball hits, for example, 3 people then is caught before touching the sand, all 3 players are still in and the thrower is out. Plus one player from catching team returns
- 4.3. If a player is hit by a "fly ball", before it hits the sand and after being thrown by a player on the opposing team that player is out. If it hits multiple players before hitting the ground all players are out.
  - 4.3.1. Any attempted catch that is dropped the player is out
- 4.4. If a player catches a "fly ball", the thrower is out. ALSO: The other team returns an eliminated player to their team.
  - 4.4.1. Players come back into the game in the order they were eliminated.
- 4.5. A player who is hit in the head (if they did not duck) is not out. The thrower is out.
  - 4.5.1. If the player hit in the head and intentionally ducked, the player is out. This is a judgement call made by officials
- 4.6. A ball deflected by a held ball is considered a dead ball. If it is deflected then caught or hits another player there is no consequence.
- 4.7. A ball rebounding off a "catch" attempt may be caught before touching the sand (nothing else) by any in bounds player on the "hit" players team. Result: the thrower is out and any one hit is not out.
- 4.8. Out-of-Bounds: Catching a ball out-of-bounds does not count. (Besides, you'll have to run through netting ... please don't!) If a ball is deflected off one player and he/she or a teammate catches it out-of-bounds, the first player is still out because the catch does not count.
- 4.9. A ball rebounding off a net, pole, etc. and then hitting a player does not eliminate a player
- 4.10. Stepping on, over, or under the mid court line or grabbing a ball on the other side of the will result in eliminations
- 4.11. Failing to throw a ball when instructed by officials will lead to elimination

## 5. AREA OF ELIMINATED PLAYERS

- 5.1. Eliminated players on each court will form lines on one side of the court next to the out of bounds net. Keep in order of being eliminated with the first person eliminated standing by center line on the fence sideline. Re-enter on a "caught" ball in same order eliminated.
- 5.2. Eliminated players MAY NOT throw a ball back to their team; they may not throw a ball at the other team or hold onto a ball.
- 5.3. Any balls going into the other court should be returned (note color of dodgeballs on your court).

**Most importantly, HAVE FUN!**

