

2023 Danville Dodgeball Tournament



Rules

1. Teams will be made up of **4 players**. All team members must be at least **16 years old** to participate. Roster can hold up to 6 players if needed.
2. 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**.
 - a. **If a player is hit in the head**, it will not count. **If it is ruled intentional**, the player throwing is out. **If a player ducks in a thrown, live ball, and get hit above the shoulders**, that player is out.
 2. **Catching** a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground. **If Player A gets hit**, Player A must be the one to catch the ball to be safe.

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

3. During play, all players **must remain within the boundary lines**. Players may leave the boundaries through their **side-lines only to retrieve stray balls**. They must also return through their side-lines. Players can only throw a ball from inside the boundary lines. **If a player crosses the center line and steps on the other team's side**, they are out
4. Game begins by placing the dodge balls along the center line – two (2) on one side of the center hash and two (2) on the other. Players then take a position behind their end line. Following a signal by the official, teams may approach the centerline to retrieve the balls. This signal officially starts the contest. **Once a ball is retrieved it must be taken behind the attack-line before it can be legally thrown.**

5. The first team to legally eliminate all opposing players will be declared the **Winner**. A **5-minute time limit** has been established for each contest. If neither team has been eliminated at the end of the 5 minutes, the team with the greater number of players remaining will be declared the winner. If there is a tie a one minute, 1 on 1 battle will begin.
6. **To reduce stalling**, a violation (one of the players will be called out by the court monitor) will be called if a team in the lead controls all four (4) balls on their side of the court for more than **10 seconds**. This also applies to tied teams as well.
7. **A player can hold a ball to deflect other balls being thrown**, but if they lose control of the ball when it's hit, they are out. **Players cannot be holding two Dodgeballs to block a thrown ball coming from opposing player**. If this happens you will be called out by the court monitor.
8. 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 contests will be supervised by a court monitor. The court monitor's responsibility will be to rule on any situation in which teams cannot agree. **THE COURT MONITOR'S DECISION IS FINAL – NO EXCEPTIONS.**
9. **Best out of 3 games will win the match.**
10. **Any player is subject to a possible ejection** if obscenities are yelled at any player or staff member. **If punches are thrown, or any other violent act is made against another player, that player will be ejected and removed** from the tournament and forced to leave. If they do not comply, the team will be removed from the tournament.

***Rules are subject to chance at any time. If there is a situation that is not described in the rules, Danville Parks staff will make the final call.**

