

Dodgeball Tournament @ The REC Rules

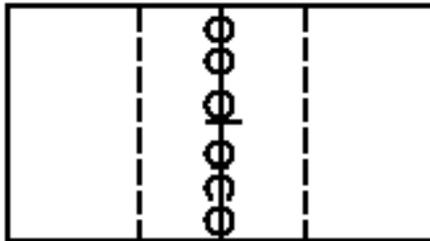
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1. Registration

- a. Teams
 - i. The \$20 registration fee, team rosters with signatures of all players, and team name is due by Thursday March 5 at 5:00pm. Teams must register at the Parks & Recreation Office at 1400 HC Mathis Drive.
 - ii. Each Team's roster will consist of a maximum of ten (10) players and a minimum of six (6).
 - iii. Only players who are on the roster and have signed the roster will be allowed to play. All others will be ineligible to play. It is the team captain's responsibility to get all player information on the roster and waivers plus be turned in on time.

2. Rules

- a. The tournament structure will be determined after the registration deadline based on the number of teams. All teams will play a minimum of three matches.
- b. Teams will be made up of 6-10 players. Six players will compete on the court at one time, and there must be at least one person from each gender on the court. Others will be available as substitutes. Substitutes may only enter the game during timeouts or in the case of injury.
- c. The playing court will consist of the volleyball court lines at the Paducah Recreation Center.



- d. All equipment will be provided by Paducah Parks & Recreation
- e. The object of dodgeball is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them "OUT". This may be done by the following ways:
 1. Hitting an opposing player with a LIVE thrown ball below the shoulders.
*****Head shots do not count. However, if a player ducks and this clearly is the cause for the player being hit above the shoulders, the player is OUT and the throw is legal*****
 2. Stepping, reaching, falling, jumping, etc. over a boundary line
 3. Catching a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground. The caught LIVE ball also allows a player who was "OUT" to return to play in the order they were OUT. Caught balls do not carry over if you don't have any players OUT.
 4. A LIVE ball is defined as a ball that has been thrown and has not touched anything, including the floor/court, another ball (see rule 5. below for clarification on blocking with a ball), another player, official, or other item outside of the playing court.
 5. If you try blocking a LIVE ball, but the thrown ball knocks your ball out of your hands and the LIVE ball still hits the player, then that player would be OUT. If a player blocks the LIVE ball and holds onto their ball they used to block, then they are able to continue playing.
- f. During play, all players must remain within the boundary lines of the court. Players may leave boundaries through their end-line only to retrieve stray balls. They also must return through their end-line before throwing the ball.
- g. **The Opening Rush:** Game begins by placing six dodgeballs along the center line. Three on one side of the center hash, and three on the other. Players then take position behind their end line. Following a signal by the official, teams may approach the centerline to retrieve the balls. The signal officially starts the contest. Teams may only retrieve the three balls on their side, right of the center hash. Once a ball is retrieved it must be taken behind the attack-line before it can be legally thrown.

- h. **Timing & Winning a Game:** The first team to legally eliminate all opposing players will be declared the winner of each game. **The match winner between teams will be decided in a best of 2 of 3 format.**
- i. A 5-minute time limit has been established for each game. If neither team has been eliminated at the end of 5 minutes, the team with the greater number of players remaining will be declared the winner. In the event of a "DRAW" where both teams have same amount of players left, 3 players for each team will return to the court and play in a sudden death match until the first team to get one person out wins. This sudden death match will last a maximum of three minutes.
- j. **Time Outs & Substitution:** Each team will be allowed one 30 second timeout per game. At this time a team may substitute players into the game.
- k. **5 Second Violation:** In order to reduce stalling, a violation will be called if a team in the lead, or when the teams are tied, controls all six balls on their side of the court for more than 5 seconds. This violation will lead to one player on the team being declared OUT.
- l. **All rules will be enforced by a game official.** However, players are expected to play by the honor system, and not wait for a ruling on whether or not a hit was legal or whether they were legally eliminated. The official will make final decisions when plays are in question.
- m. The Recreation Specialist running the tournament has final say in any rulings, or matters of question.

3. Player Conduct Rules

- a. Sportsmanship will be a major component of this tournament. Teams, players, or team captains with poor sportsmanship are subject to ejection based on the decision of parks & recreation personnel and management
- b. Banned Substances
 - i. There are to be no alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs on City of Paducah premises and parks.
- c. Ejections
 - i. Any ejected player is suspended from the remainder of the tournament.
 - ii. Any ejected person must leave the facility immediately. Any delay in doing so or disruptive behavior upon ejection will result in further disciplinary action that could include team forfeit.
 - iii. Any obscene language or gestures of any kind displayed by a player, team manager, or spectator will result in an immediate ejection.
 - iv. If any player, captain, or spectator is involved in a fight or situation involving verbal abuse, that person will be suspended per the Paducah Parks & Recreation Behavior Policy.
 - v. **Paducah Parks & Recreation Behavior Policy** - Paducah Parks & Recreation under no circumstance will tolerate verbal and/or physical abuse of any staff member, umpire/referee, or program participant. The penalties for any of the above behaviors are strict and strongly enforced. First time offenders may be suspended for a minimum of 1-year from all Parks & Recreation Programming. It is our mission that all participants as well as employees feel safe and are protected from any type of abuse.
- d. **Showing respect towards the official(s) and Paducah Parks staff is an integral part of the success of this tournament.** Failure to show the proper respect before, during, and after games could lead to disciplinary action for the player or team.

NOTE:

NO INSURANCE IS CARRIED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT ON INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS IN THIS TOURNAMENT. EACH PLAYER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER OWN MEDICAL INSURANCE.

****NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER REGISTRATION****