

Dodgeball rules

1. The two dodgeball courts will be outlined in neon tape. One court will be designated for the middle school division, and the other for the high school division.
2. Referees start the game, confirm hits and catches, count possession time, and call players out.
3. Each team will consist of 8-10 players, all of whom may be on the court participating at the start of the match. Free agent teams with fewer than 8 players will be permitted to play with as many players as they can find, but teams with more than 10 will have to substitute a player(s).
4. There are 12 dodge balls on each court, distributed across the center line before the match begins.
5. You are out if: 1) a live ball hits your body, 2) you throw a live ball and it is caught by an opponent 3) you step out of bounds. No arguing with referees. It's dark, and we'll all do our best.
6. A thrown live ball can only hit out 1 player. Thrown balls that hit the ground, the wall, other balls, or other objects before hitting the opponent are considered dead balls, and are ineligible to hit players out. I.e., no ricochets.
7. You may block a thrown ball with a held ball. However, if you drop your ball during the act of blocking, you're out.
8. If you are out, line up on the side in the order you got out (think of it as a "resurrection" line). If your teammate catches a ball, the player at the start of your team's line comes back into play immediately. Referees will announce players coming back in.
9. Keep attitudes under check. Any foul language will get you ejected from the match immediately. Repeat offenders may be expelled from the tournament altogether.
10. Referees have the final say in the matter. Their call is the only call, and arguing will get you nowhere.

Tournament Structure

- There will be two divisions to the dodgeball tournament: a high school division, and a middle school division.
- Both divisions will function under the same rules.
- The tournament will be double elimination- so everyone will get a minimum of two matches. Each match will have a 7 minute time limit.
- If time runs out and a winner hasn't been decided, then the team with the most players still alive will be the victor.
- If both teams have an even number of active players when time runs out, then the match enters sudden death. In sudden death, the first team to have *any* player eliminated will be the loser.
- It's important that the majority of a team remains in the gym even when they're not playing so that they're ready for their next match when its announced.
- Even if you lose the opening round, you still have a chance at winning the tournament.

*The winning teams for each division will receive their prizes the following
Wednesday night at Collective.*