

OFFICIAL RULES - NATIONAL AMATEUR DODGEBALL ASSOCIATION

THE TEAM

Teams will be made up of 6-10 players. Six(6) players will compete on a side; others will be available as substitutes. Substitutes may enter the game only during timeouts or in the case of injury.

THE EQUIPMENT

The official ball used in tournament and league play will be an 8.25" rubber-coated foam ball.

THE GAME

The object of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them "OUT" by:

1. Hitting an opposing player with a LIVE thrown ball below the shoulders. If you hit an opponent in the head, the thrower is eliminated for that round.
2. Catching a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.

Definition: LIVE: 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)

BOUNDARIES

During play, all players must remain within the boundary lines. Players may leave the boundaries through their end-line only to retrieve stray balls. They must also return through their end-line.

THE OPENING RUSH

Game begins by placing the dodgeballs along the center line - three (3) on one side of the center hash and three (3) 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. Teams may only retrieve the three (3) balls to their right of the center hash. Once a ball is retrieved it must be taken behind the attack-line before it can be legally thrown.

TIMING AND WINNING A GAME

The first team to legally eliminate all opposing players will be declared the winner. A 3-minute time limit has been established for each round. If neither team has been eliminated at the end of the 3 minutes, the team with the greater number of players remaining will be declared the winner. Each match consists of 10 games.

TIME-OUTS & SUBSTITUTIONS

Each team will be allowed one (1) 30 second timeout per game. At this time a team may substitute players into the game.

5-SECOND VIOLATION

In order to reduce stalling, a violation will be called if a team in the lead controls all six (6) balls on their side of the court for more than 5 seconds. This also applies to tied teams. More details can be found in the NADA Rule Book

RULE ENFORCEMENT

During pool play or regular-season matches, 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 REFEREE'S DECISION IS FINAL - NO EXCEPTIONS.

INFRACTIONS - The following infractions result in a player elimination:

- Stepping on/over the midline
- Stepping out of bounds to avoid being hit
- During opening rush, failing to take the ball beyond the attacking line before throwing it regardless of hitting the opponent.