

GAMETIME PA.COM LAST MAN STANDING DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT
FEBRUARY 19TH AND 20TH, 2010

RULES:

TEAM

1. Teams are composed of 6 players capped roster.
2. Players cannot play for more than one team once final roster is received.
3. There are no gender requirements; team may be all male, female or co-ed.

FIELD DIMENSIONS & MARKINGS

1. The tournament will be played on regulation size volleyball courts.

BOUNDRIES

1. During play, all players must remain within the boundary lines.
2. Players may pass through their end line only to retrieve stray balls. A stray ball is one that has not been picked up and is lying on the ground.
3. When retrieving a ball, the player must also immediately re-enter the playing field only through their end line. NOTE: A player not immediately re-entering the playing area may be declared OUT.
4. A player shall not leave the playing field (side line or end line) to avoid being hit by or attempt to catch a ball.
5. Players may not cross the centerline to retrieve balls on the opposing teams side even if they are OUT.

NOTE: If a player catches a ball and their momentum carries them out of bounds... (Just like in college football) you must have one foot in bounds. However, once your momentum carries the "catcher" out of bounds, he is also out. So both would be out. The team that caught the ball would then also have a previously out player return in since the catch does count. If at the end of the game (one on one) this occurs, only the thrower would be out, since that would be the last "out" of the game.

NOTE: During the opening rush, many players will cross the centerline. Officials should refrain from calling players out at this time unless a definite advantage is gained by the action.

EQUIPMENT

1. We will be using 6, balls per court. No stingers or oversized balls.
2. Tennis shoes may not leave marks on the floor and must be approved for play in the facility before play.

GAME PLAY:

The object of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting the OUT. The first team to eliminate all opposing players will be declared the winner.

An OUT is scored by:

1. Hitting an opposing player with a LIVE ball (one that has not been deflected or has hit the ground)
2. Catching a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent
3. Causing an opponent to drop a held ball as a result of contact by a thrown LIVE ball. (usually occurs when a ball is being used to block a thrown ball)
4. An opposing player steps out of bounds.
5. Once a player is OUT, they must drop any balls in hand and exit the field at the nearest sideline. If an OUT player intentionally contacts a live ball before exiting the playing field, opponents get an OUT teammate to return in to the game. If they have no OUT players, then at the start of the next game, the player that intentionally affects play, begins the game as an OUT player.
6. Any time a ball is caught, a previously out teammate may come back IN (in the order in which they went out).
7. Players are still "IN PLAY" even when they are retrieving balls from off the court. If a ball hits a player at any time, whether in or out of play, they are declared OUT.

NOTE: A player may block a thrown ball with a ball being held, provided the holder does not drop the ball. The ball does not need to strike the ground to cause the holder to be out, only to be knocked loose of the holder's grip. Even if the holder regains control of the held ball, they are still out. Any actions by the holder after the initial loss of control are ignored.

NOTE: We are playing by the "FIRST CONTACT RULES". Meaning, there are no deflections or ricochets in effect.

- If a player is hit and the ball then hits another opponent before hitting the ground, only the first player is out.
- If a player goes to catch a ball and pops it up and a teammate catches the ball, the first player is out and the thrower is still IN.
- Play is DEAD at FIRST contact.

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SUBSTITUTIONS

1. There are no substitutions due to the fact your rosters are locked at 6 players. No player can play for two teams at anytime throughout the length of the tournament.

BEGINNING THE GAME

1. Game begins by placing the 6 dodge balls along the centerline.
2. Players take a position behind their end line.
3. Following a signal by the official, teams may approach the centerline to retrieve the balls.
4. Once a ball is retrieved it must be taken behind the attack line before it can be thrown.
5. Attack line restriction end when all balls have been taken into the backcourt for the opening rush. Space between the attack line and centerline is not a safety zone during the opening rush. If an opposing team takes the ball back past the attack line and hits an opposing player while that player is still within the center and attack line, the hit player is OUT.

NOTE: Players may retrieve as many balls as they can. You can go up to the line and roll the balls back into your field of play.

NOTE: Players' may hold as many balls as they want, but run the risk of STALLING or having a ball knock out of their hands and being declared OUT.

STALLING – since there is no time limit – stalling shouldn't occur

1. It is illegal for any team to control all the balls from more than 10 seconds.
2. Teams must make a legitimate effort to get at least one ball across the attack line and into the opponents back court. This doesn't include throwing a ball OVER AND THROUGH an opponent's end line.
3. Only a court monitor or official can call a 10 second violation.
 - PENALTY for violation:
 - First violation: Stoppage of play and balls will be divided evenly between the teams. Play will continue with "balls in hand."
 - Second violation: Ejection of one player from the offending team.

COURT MONITORS & OFFICIALS

1. Rules will be enforced primarily by the "honor system."
2. Court monitors/referees/officials may warn players on those who display unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. Any player receiving two (2) warnings in a game will be ejected from the game and suspended a minimum of one game.
4. Any team receiving three warnings in one game will forfeit that game.
5. The referee's decision is final – no exceptions!
6. The above mentioned are not limited to immediate ejection of a player and or team due to outrageous misconduct, this is up to the referee and tournament director.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Includes but is not limited to:

1. Foul language
2. Unnecessary roughness
3. Arguing with officials, volunteers, staff, participants, or fans
4. Abuse of the honor system
5. Hits with the intent to harm

Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in a player's and/or team ejection from the tournament.

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FORMAT

1. Round Robin play – we will play the best 2 out of 3 games. First team that wins 2 games is declared the winner.
2. Round Robin play – guaranteed 4 matches. Results will be used for seeding purposes for the single elimination tournament on Saturday.
3. Single elimination play – we will play the best 2 out of 3 games. First team that wins 2 games is declared the winner losing team is eliminated.
4. Tournament officials reserve the right to change competition format.
5. **CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH WILL BE BEST 3 OUT OF 5 GAMES**

After your matches, please report your scores to the score table

Rule Questions and updates from potential players:

A great question about a rule has been brought to the table. Can a player throw their ball to block another ball that is being thrown at one of their teammates? At this point, I will say YES that is allowed.

A problem does come about when the players are almost right next to each other. Where it may look like the player went to BLOCK the ball and dropped it (which would result in being OUT).

I will allow the throwing to block, but it will be up to the REFEREES to determine the tough calls when the players are right next to each other. The referees call is FINAL!

What is the ruling when a striking ball hits someone's ball (whilst they are using the ball as a shield), but then the striking ball continues on to hit the shield holder's body before hitting the ground. From my experience there are instances where the striking ball barely skims the shielding ball and mostly hits the shield holders body and an argument arises. I recommend following GSN's extreme dodge-ball format of the shield holder being out is this example...

in other words...

any striking ball coming into contact with an opposing player, without the opposing player catching the striking ball, should be out. Yes No?

If you are hit, you are out!

And on the catching rule, can you catch any ball with one foot in bounds or does the rule only apply when momentum is taking you out?

If one foot is in and the other is out...if you were out before you caught it you are out and the thrower is still in. If you catch it and you go out, we are at the momentum rule.

We're a little confused about your definitions of "out of bounds".

While we understand the ruling regarding catching with one foot it, is a player out if:

1. They stand on the court, one foot in and one foot out
2. They exit the court (rear) to retrieve a ball, but then enter the court (side)
3. They catch a ball out of bounds. The rules say you can't make a catch out of bounds, and also say you can get hit out of bounds. So if a successful catch is made, out of bounds, does it just count as a hit and the player is out?
4. They touch the out line, without crossing it?

#1 - out

#2 - out

#3 - if you catch a ball, while standing out of bounds...the person throwing the ball I would say is not out...how ever I would say if they got hit while retrieving a ball out of bounds they would still be out

#4 - in

NO GLOVES WILL BE ALLOWED – sorry if you have been practicing with them, unfair advantage.

All decisions made by the referee is final.

**All decisions made by the
Tournament Director David Marsh are LAW!**

