

## **Dodgeball Rules**

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### **PLAY AREA:**

The games will be played in Wyatt Gymnasium basketball courts (3). The games will be played 3 at a time with the courts divided by the petitions. No player may step on or over the half-court line. They may reach over to retrieve a ball.

### **EQUIPMENT:**

- Players must wear proper attire (tennis shoes, shirts, etc.).
- TEAMS MUST HAVE SHIRTS OF THE SAME COLOR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **TEAMS:**

A team consists of 10 players on the court. A team may play with less than 10 (which would be a disadvantage as there are fewer players to eliminate). Extra players – no more than 10 players per team on the court at a time. If a team has additional players, they may wait on the endline to enter when their team catches an opponent's throw, but may not enter if less than 10 players are on the court at a time. When a basket is made, a team may only allow the number of players onto the court to constitute a team of 10.

### **TIME/RESULTS:**

- 26 minutes is allotted per match. Team will switch sides of the court after thirteen minutes of play. The two teams will play as many games in the time allotment as possible.
- Forfeit time: Must start with 7 (3 female/4 male). If after 5 minutes there is not enough to play – it will be a forfeit.
- Double check with officials to make sure correct score is recorded.

### **PLAY:**

- Each team has 2 dodgeballs to start and all 10 players are to stand on the endline below the goal to start play.
- Play as many games as possible in the 26 minutes. If at the end of regulation a game is not finished, the winner is the team with the most left on the court at the sound of the buzzer.
- 26 minutes will be kept on the gym clock and will be used for all three courts. Time will be the same for each court.

- If a player is hit by a “fly ball” before it hits the floor and after being thrown by a player of the opposite team – the player hit is out.
- If a player catches a “fly ball” the thrower is out. ALSO – the other team may return an eliminated player to the floor. Players return as they were eliminated from first to last.
- If a player attempts to catch a “fly ball” and it deflects off “the catcher” and a player on the same team catches the ball before it goes out of bounds or hits the floor, there is no penalty for either team and play continues.
- A player who is hit in the head (if they did not duck) is not out. The thrower is out – but there must be an attempt to get out of the way of the ball. If a player ducks and is still hit in the head, there is no consequence. DO NOT INTENTIONALLY THROW AT A PLAYERS HEAD – YOU WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE GAME.
- A ball deflected by a held ball, whether caught or not, does not result in player elimination, but if the player drops the ball already in possession during the block attempt – the player is out.
- A ball rebounding off a catch attempt may be caught before touching the floor by any in bounds player on the “hit” players team. It may not hit the wall or back board. RESULT – the thrower is out. Out-of-Bounds: Catching a ball out-of-bounds does not count. If a ball is deflected off one player and he/she or a teammate catches it out-of-bounds, the first player is still out because the catch does not count. Anything caught or thrown or being hit outside of the boundaries of the court does not count.
- A ball rebounding off a wall, backboard, or petition does not eliminate a player.
- When all the players of one team have been eliminated, the other team wins that game and reports the score to the supervisor. A new game begins if time is remaining. Play as many games as possible in the 26 minute period.
- You have 15 seconds to attempt a throw – NO STALLING!!! May result in ejection.
- If a player makes a basket over the other team, all players from his/her team come back on the court. If a ball does not reach the basket/net/backboard and is caught, the thrower is out.
- Players may not lift or support their teammates in catching a throw.

#### **ELIMINATED PLAYERS:**

- Once a player is eliminated they are to form a line on the baseline of the court (5 feet back off the line) in the order in which they were eliminated. “Re-enter” on a caught ball in the same order eliminated from first to last.
- Eliminated players may throw an out of bounds ball back to their team; they may not throw a ball at an opponent or hold a ball.