

Pride Sports USA

National Dodgeball Tournament Rules Updated 3.29.24

Games will be played 8 vs 8 and 12 min round robin matches. (Teams of 9-12 players)
Teams will rock, paper, scissor for who gets to start with 4 balls aka "The Home Team"

Games will be played with 7 balls. Pride Sports USA plays with 7 inch foam.

During round robin games - When time expires which ever team has more players left on the court will win that current game. If each team has the same amount of players left in the game no new points will be awarded.

Tied Games - Round robin games can end in a tie.

Tournament bracket games can not end in a tie and will be best 3 out of 5 games.

A caught ball results in the player who threw it to be out and a player to come back into the game on the catchers teams.

A thrown ball hitting a player deems the hit player will be out.

If a thrown ball hits a ball or a live player (a player still in the game) it keeps the thrown ball live.

If you are blocking an incoming ball and lose possession of the ball you are blocking with, the blocker would be out.

Example:

Player A throws the ball at Player B. It hits Player B and deflects to the wall. Player B catches the ball off the wall. Player B is deemed out and Player A is safe.

Example:

Player A throws the ball at Player B. Player B deflects the thrown ball with the ball that they are holding. The deflected thrown ball hits a player on Player B's team and then falls to the ground.

Player B is safe and Player B's Teammate is out.

Example:

If Player A throws a ball and hits Player B but then Player B's Teammate catches it without the ball touching anything else.

Player A is out (because their thrown ball was caught)

Player B is safe.

Player B's teammate is safe.

A caught ball will bring a player back in. The player returning to the game will be the first one out of that match.

Double Elimination Matches are best 3 out of 5 games.

Higher seed is the home team and can pick if they want to start with 4 balls or with 3 balls.

Championship Match - The team coming from the winners bracket will be home team.

What if game - If the team from the losers bracket wins, another game will be played. The home team will be the higher seeded team if a "what if" game occurs.

If a double elimination/ best 3 out of 5 match goes over 8 mins, the no blocking rule will come into effect.

No Blocking Rule - No blocking comes into affect when the clock hits 00:00:00. If a player blocks a ball with a ball they have possession of, the player blocking will be deemed out.

When no blocking is in place, an incoming ball that is blocked is dead.

Example - Player A throws the ball at Player B, Player B blocks the ball and it hits Players B's teammate, their teammate is not out.

Example - Player A throws the ball at Player B, Player B blocks/deflects the ball and Player B's teammate catches it, Player A is NOT out and no player comes back in.

Code of Conduct

Captains are the only players to communicate with officials over a call.

If you get hit with the ball but are not called out...you are still out. Have good sportsmanship and simply call yourself out.

Leave drama and bad attitudes at the door. Everyone is here to have fun.

Abuse, harassment, bullying and personal attacks are unacceptable and will result in removal from the game and facility.

Officials agree to make the best calls they can. Disrespecting an official or disrespecting an officials call will result in removal from the match.
If you have a concern about an official, please have your captain address it with a league manager asap.

I agree to control my temper and not retaliate, even if I believe I have been wronged.

Respect the game

Racism, discrimination and hate speech are not permitted and will result in immediate removal from the league.

Be a good sport

No trolling, flaming or baiting comments allowed. Yellow or Red cards may be issued.

Be a team player, make new friends and have fun.

