

# DODGEBALL RULES

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1. Dodgeball will be played on the basketball court (orange lines)
2. Each Dodgeball match will have 2 referees stationed at the end of the centerline that help facilitate the match. Referees start the game, confirm hits and catches, and count ball possession time. Dodgeball matches will be best of three games – a third game will not be played if one team wins both of the first two games
3. There are 6 balls, split into 2 even groups near the ends of the centerline. Both teams' players start by touching their own back wall. During the opening rush (when the game starts), you may only grab the balls to your right. These (opening rush) balls need to first touch your own back wall before they can be put in play
4. You are OUT if: 1) you step on or over a sideline or the centerline (except during the opening rush); 2) a thrown live ball hits your body; or 3) you throw a live ball and it is caught directly by an opponent (not off a ricochet)
5. 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
6. You may block a thrown ball with a held ball. However, if you drop the blocking ball during the act of blocking, or if you fail to make a clean block (as in the thrown ball still ends up hitting or grazing your body afterwards), you are OUT
7. If you are out, line up next to the referee on the boundary line to your right in the order that you got out (think of it as being in a "return" line). If your teammate catches a ball, the player at the start of your team's "return" line comes back into play after touching your team's back wall (the teammate must be in line at the time of the catch to be eligible to return)
8. Balls that leave the boundary lines may be kicked/passed in from spectators or eliminated teammates on the sideline
9. You can only hold a ball for 10 seconds. Afterwards, it will be considered dead and cannot be used to block live balls coming at you. Dead balls need to be rolled over immediately to the other team
10. If the game needs to be paused due to an injury/dispute, etc., the official will blow the whistle. The game will resume when the official blows the whistle again
11. If the game comes down to 1 player per side, the players have one minute to hit each other out; if not, "Showdown" comes into effect. The game is paused, each player gets two balls, and the remaining two balls are placed at the centerline. When the referee blows the whistle, the centerline is dissolved. The first player to get the other player out wins
12. The first place team in each pool will face the second place team in the other pool in semifinal matches. The winners of the semifinals will face each other in a best of 3 game final
13. The tiebreakers used to determine pool winners are:
  - Head to Head record
  - Percentage of games won of games played
  - One game playoff

Check out this video to the rules of Dodgeball by clicking on the icon. We will follow the rules in this video EXCEPT that 1), we will only have two officials per game and 2), Walmart Dodgeball teams are non-gender specific. We do NOT require two females to be on a team.

