



THE GAME

The object of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them "OUT". This may be done by:

1. Hitting an opposing player with a LIVE thrown ball below the shoulders.
2. Catching a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.
3. You will be called OUT if you step on or over the center line.

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 only leave the boundaries retrieve stray balls. They must return through their end-line.

THE OPENING RUSH

Game begins by placing the dodgeballs along the center line. 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.

BLOCKING

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.

TIMING AND WINNING A GAME

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

OVERTIME

A "Sudden Death" overtime will be used to decide all games that end in a tie. Overtime will begin with all players back in the game and all balls on the center line. After the start signal, the first team to lose a player to an OUT will lose the game.

BRACKET AND ROUNDS

The tournament will be double elimination and each round will consist of a best out of three match. The first two games are capped at seven minutes, the third capped at five minutes.

The winner of the match will advance to the next round of the bracket. The loser will be moved to the elimination bracket. Once a team loses while in the elimination bracket they are eliminated from the tournament.