



## 2018 DODGEBRAWL RULES

INTRUST Bank Arena

July 14, 2018

Doors open at 10 a.m.

**Event Begins at 11 a.m.**

### Teams

Adult division teams consist of individuals ages 18 and up. Games start with 6-on-6. A game can be played with as few as four (4) players; any less would result in a forfeit. (Additional players may attend the tournament and act as subs).

### Field

Games will be played on a standard-size dodgeball court, 60 feet long by 30 feet wide, divided into two (2) equal sections by a center boundary line.

### Equipment

The official ball used will be a 6 ¼" rubber coated foam ball. Participants must wear rubber-soled shoes – no one will be allowed to play in flip flops, sandals, bare feet, etc.

### Game Length

Each game is 6 minutes long, with the clock running continuously. There are no time outs, unless called so by the referee. There will be a 1-2 minute interval between each game. There is no overtime. Each team will play 1 game during preliminary play.

After preliminary play is over, bracket play will commence. The bracket is double-elimination – each round consists of (1) six-minute game. After a team has lost twice in bracket play, they are eliminated from the tournament.

### Winner Determination

Either an entire team is eliminated or when time expires, the team with the most players remaining wins. If teams have the same number of remaining players, they will be given 1 (one) minute of play for the tie-breaker.

### 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 thrown ball
- 2) Catching a ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.

Game begins by placing three (3) dodgeballs (on each side of the court) 10 feet from the centerline. Players then take a position behind their baseline. Following a signal by the official, teams may approach the balls in their court. The signal officially starts the game. Teams must take their ball to the baseline before they can throw them at the other team.

### **Play**

- a) If a player is hit by an opponent's thrown ball before it hits the floor, that player is out.
- b) If a player catches a thrown ball, the thrower is out. ALSO, the catching team gets an eliminated player back for their team. Players come back into the game in the order they were eliminated, starting with substitutes.
- c) A player who is hit anywhere, including their head and clothing is out. This is a fun tournament and head shots should be avoided at all cost. If a player is intentionally throwing for someone's head, determined by the referee, the throwing player may be called out or expelled from the match.
- d) A thrown ball rebounding off a player may be caught before touching the floor. This must occur in bounds. This results in the thrower being out and a player coming in from the catch team's bench. The first player getting hit by the ball is not out. It is possible for two or more players to be eliminated by the same thrown ball if it hits both players before hitting the ground.

Out of bounds:

- e) 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, thrown or being hit outside the boundaries of the court does not count. Therefore, a player stepping outside the boundaries *for the purpose of retrieving a ball* cannot be eliminated. The player retrieving the ball must go directly to the ball and directly back, not manipulating this rule for his/her advantage. However, if a player must go to the bleachers to retrieve a ball, they may walk to the end of the bleachers before entering the game.
- f) A ball rebounding off a wall, barrier, etc. does not eliminate a player

### **Center line**

A player may not step over the center line. They may reach over to retrieve a ball.

### **Safety**

Players may not lift or support their teammates in catching a throw, etc.

**Area of Eliminated Players**

Substitutes and eliminated players will stand next to the time-keepers table on their half of the court. Keep in order of being eliminated, starting with the substitutes and then with the first eliminated person. Re-enter on a “caught” ball in the order you are sitting.

**Boundaries**

During play, all players must remain within the boundary lines. Players may leave the boundaries only to retrieve stray balls. Eliminated players or spectators may not handle out-of-bound balls unless they are thrown into the bleachers, at which time we ask you take them to the edge of the court.

**Rule Enforcement**

All contests will be supervised by a referee. **Rules will be enforced. All players are expected to show respect to one another and to the referees making the calls.** Players are expected to use the honor system and leave the court if they are eliminated, whether called out by the ref or not.

***\*\*Please remember this tournament is for charity. If everyone plays by the rules, we can ensure a positive experience for all involved and a successful event.***

***\*\*All players must sign a release waiver before entering play. This waiver will be provided on site at the check-in table.***

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