



BACKYARD SPORTS ULTIMATE DODGEBALL OFFICIAL RULES

- Dodgeball is played between two teams made up of seven (7) players each.
- Teams can be comprised of all male, all female or co-ed players.

NUMBER OF REFEREES

- There will be one (1) referee officiating each contest.
- All calls made by the referees are final.

THE PLAYING COURT

- The playing court measures 59'x 29'6", a standard volleyball court.
- The center line divides the court into two sides measuring 29'6" x 29'6".
- Boundary lines: Two sidelines, two end lines, one center line and two 10' lines from the center mark off the playing court.
- Perimeter: The outside zone surrounding the court to the wall or boundary (may vary depending on court).

EQUIPMENT

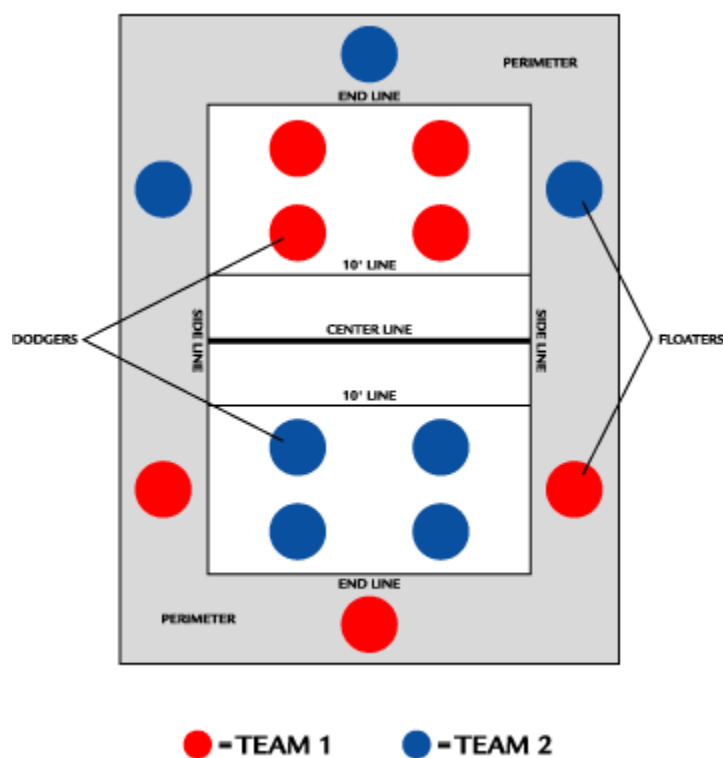
- One 7" rubber-coated foam ball.
- Colored mesh jerseys to differentiate teams.
- All players must wear athletic shoes. No metal cleats will be allowed.



Backyard Sports Ultimate DODGEBALL

POSITIONING OF PLAYERS

- Four players, known as "dodgers," from each team will be positioned on the inside court.
- Three players, known as "floaters," from each team are positioned on the outside zone surrounding the opposing team.



HOW TO WIN GAME

- The purpose of each team is to eliminate opposing team members by getting them out.

An out is achieved by:

- Striking opposing players with thrown ball
- Catching the ball thrown by an opponent
- Intercepting a pass thrown from opposing teammate to another
- An opposing dodger stepping out of bounds, or floaters stepping inbounds before switch. Note: Floaters can cross boundaries after switch to retrieve balls.



GAME PLAY

- One (1) dodgeball is placed in the middle of the center line.
- The game begins with the four dodgers positioned on the court standing behind the end line. Once the referee gives the signal, dodgers race for the ball.
- The maximum number of players on the inner court is not to exceed four (4).
- The team that controls the ball has the option of throwing it at an opposing dodger or passing it to any teammate, whether he/she is on the court or in the perimeter.
- If a dodger is hit by a thrown ball, he/she is eliminated from the contest and must immediately leave the court.
- Floaters cannot be eliminated by a hit.
- If any player catches a thrown ball, the player who threw the ball is eliminated and must immediately leave the court.
- When all but one (1) dodger is eliminated, a 30-second timeout is called. The three (3) floaters replace the eliminated dodgers on their home court. This team will retain possession of the ball. Play will resume on the referee's signal.
- The ball is considered "dead" when:
 - It hits the floor.
 - It hits a wall.
 - It hits a player. Note: If the ball hits a player and caroms off, and a teammate catches the ball, the player who threw the ball is not eliminated.
 - The player who was hit remains in the game.
- When all team members but one are eliminated from a game, the sole survivor is "fair game." Opposing players can cross the center line to the 10' line.
- If one player remains from each team, each player can travel over the center line to the opposing 10' line.
- The first team to legally eliminate all opposing players will be declared the winner.
- Teams will receive a plus (+) score for the number of remaining players. For example, if two players remain, the team receives a +2 score for the game.
- Timeouts are not allowed during game play.
- Play may be stopped for player injury. A substitution may be made for the injured player only.
- A 7-minute time limit is established for each game.
- After the 7-minute limit, the team with the most active players wins the game.
- If an equal number of players on either team remain after the 10-minute time limit, a two (2) minute overtime period will take place. The first team to eliminate a player wins the game.



SCORING

- A plus (+) score will be assigned to the winning team of each match based on the collective number of team members remaining at the end of the three games.

VIOLATIONS

- It is illegal for a player to stall the game and hold a ball for more than 10 seconds in the last five minutes of the game. Note: Only a court referee may call a 10-second violation. The penalty for the violation is the offending player must roll the ball to the opposing team.
- Referees may issue warnings to players who display unsportsmanlike conduct, which includes, but is not limited to:
 - Unnecessary roughness.
 - Foul or inappropriate language.
 - Arguing with officials, volunteers, WDA staff, players or spectators.
 - ✓ Intentional hits above the shoulder.
 - ✓ After two (2) team warnings, the ball is given to the opposing team.
 - ✓ Referees reserve the right to eject players.

MATCH PLAY

- The team to win two of three games will be declared the winner of the match.

TOURNAMENT PLAY

- The tournament will be single-elimination.
- There will be two (2) brackets of 16 teams per bracket.
- The first 32 teams to register for the tournament will be allowed to play.
- Teams will be randomly selected and entered into the brackets.
- The team to win two out of three games will be declared the winner of each match.
- A winner will be determined in each bracket.
- Following each match, winners will be posted on a leader board.
- The team that wins the championship match will be declared the tournament winner.