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**EVENT--DODGEBALL:**

**FORMAT:**

- Co-ed team of six (6) players
- Three (3) male and three (3) female or two (2) male and four (4) female
- March is best of three (3)
- Double-Elimination tournament.

**RULES:**

**Section 1: The Game**

Matches will begin with the flip of a coin.

Art. 1 The team winning the coin flip will have a choice of sides to begin the match.

Art. 2 Teams will alternate sides after each match.

Art. 3 The object of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them out.

An out is scored by:

A. Hitting an opposing player with a live thrown ball below the shoulders.

Note: If a player ducks, and this clearly is the cause for the player being hit above the shoulders, the player is out and the throw is legal.

B. Catching a live ball thrown by an opponent.

C. Causing an opponent to drop a live ball as a result of contact by another thrown live ball

D. An opposing player stepping out of bounds.

Live (defined) - A thrown ball that strikes, or is caught by an opposing player before contacting the ground, another player or ball.

Art. 4 A player may block a thrown ball with a ball being held provided the held ball is not dropped as a result of the contact with the thrown ball.

Note: A ball deflecting off a held ball and striking the holder is no longer a live ball.

## **Section 2: Timing, Time-outs, and Substitutions**

Art. 1 A 7-minute time limit has been established for each game.

Art. 2 Each team will be allowed on 60-second time out per game.

Art. 3 Only the court judge's whistle starts and stops the clock.

Art. 4 All players are in jeopardy until the court judge recognizes and signals the beginning of a time out or end of regulation time.

Exception: All live balls in flight at the time of an official's signal to end regulation time or begin a time out remain live, and may eliminate an opponent, until they become dead.

Art. 5 During time outs, teams may substitute players. Substitutes may be players who did not start the game, or players who wish to re-enter after having been declared out.

## **Section 3: Beginning the Game**

Art. 1 Prior to beginning a game, an equal number of dodgeballs are placed along the centerline on each side of the center hash mark. A standard game consists of 6 balls, 3 on each side of the hash mark.

Art. 2 Players then take a position behind their end line.

Art. 3 Following a signal by the official, teams may approach the centerlines to retrieve the balls. Teams may only retrieve balls placed to the right (as they face the center line) of the hash mark. If balls remain on the centerline after a team has retrieved and moved their balls beyond the attack line, either team may retrieve those balls.

#### **Section 4: Opening Rush Rule**

Art. 1 Each and every ball retrieved at the opening rush must first be taken beyond the attack line and into the team's backcourt before it may be legally thrown at an opponent.

Example: Following the opening whistle, a player rushes and is the first to secure a ball from the centerline. That player must then carry or pass the ball into their backcourt before it may be legally thrown at an opponent.

#### **Section 5: Declaring a Winner**

Art. 1 The first team to legally eliminate all opposing players will be declared the winner.

Art. 2 If neither team has been eliminated at the end of regulation, the team with the greater number of remaining players will be declared the winner.

Art. 3 If both teams have the same amount of remaining players, sudden death overtime will occur.

Art. 4 In all overtime periods, the first team to legally eliminate any one opponent will be declared the winner

Art. 5 If the match is one (1) win apiece, the third and deciding game will be 1 person per team on the floor. The first player to legally eliminate the opponent will be declared the winner

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