

EASY DODGEBALL RULES

1. The typical Dodgeball court is about the size of a small Volleyball court, with a centerline and 2 sidelines.
2. There are 6 balls, split into 2 even groups near the ends of the centerline. During the opening rush (when the game starts), you may only grab the balls to your right. **You must go all the way back to the starting line before throwing an opening rush ball, OR YOU WILL BE OUT.**
3. You are out if: 1) you step on or over a sideline or centerline; 2) a thrown live ball hits your body; 3) you throw a live ball, and it is caught by an opponent; 4) you throw an opening ball before going back to the start line.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. If you are out, line up on the side in the order you got out (think of it as being in a “resurrection” line). If your teammate catches a ball, the player at the start of your team’s “resurrection” line comes back into play after touching the wall (the teammate must be in the line at the time of the catch to be eligible to be brought back in).
7. You can only hold a ball for 10 seconds, afterwards, it will be considered dead. Dead balls need to be rolled over immediately to the other team.
8. If the game comes down to 1 player per side, they have 10 seconds to hit each other out; if not, "Showdown" comes into effect. The game is paused, each player gets two balls, two balls are lined up at the ends of the centerline, and the centerline is dissolved. The first player to get the other player out wins.

TOURNAMENT RULES

- ◆ This is a fun event for all ages to attend! Rude/inappropriate/vulgar language will not be tolerated. **Referees and event organizers reserve the right to disqualify any individuals or teams in violation of this rule as they see fit.**
- ◆ THIS IS A SUBSTANCE FREE EVENT! **Referees and event organizers reserve the right to disqualify any individuals or teams suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol as they see fit.** (*this mainly applies to teams/individuals whose behavior and gameplay are being severely impacted*)

*****Any team or individual that is disqualified from the tournament will be required to vacate the premises. If an individual is disqualified, and the team no longer has 6 players, the remaining members may continue to compete as is. If the entirety of a team is disqualified, their remaining matchups will be marked as a forfeit, and the tournament will continue as scheduled.**

The Brattleboro Winter Carnival will not be issuing refunds for any individual or team that is disqualified due to violation of tournament rules. No exceptions.