



IRELAND ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION INC CO-ED DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT RULES



TEAMS AND PARTICIPANTS:

1. Teams must be co-ed and may consist of up to 7 players. Teams must consist of a minimum of 2 female and 2 male players. Teams must start each game with at least two females and two males on the court.
2. Games will be played 6 on 6 with 1 sub allowed per team.
3. Each team will designate a captain who is responsible for checking in team and signing off on scores.
4. Substitutes are allowed to enter the court only when play is stopped and only through the back line.
5. Games will be 5 minutes in length with a 1 minute break between games. Time will be stopped and game will be declared over when all players of either team have been eliminated.

KNOCKOUTS AND BOUNDARIES:

1. There will be six, 8.5 inch diameter balls in play at all times.
2. Players will be responsible for making their own calls but an official will be monitoring play and will make final decisions.
3. Players are out when hit with a live ball or when their live throw is caught by an opponent.
4. Players may shield themselves with the ball in their hand, but if the ball being used as a shield is knocked out of player's hand, then the player is out.
5. If a player crosses the center line or steps out of bounds while throwing or dodging a ball, player is out.
6. Playing court boundaries will be marked with green painters tape

DEAD BALLS:

1. Stepping out of bounds will result in that player being called out. Players may leave the court to retrieve balls only, and must reenter through the back line. While retrieving a ball out of bounds, players may not be called out if hit
2. If a ball hits the floor, walls, goals, another ball or any other non-participating object, that ball is dead.
3. A ball that hits a player or the referee is still live until it hits the floor, wall, etc.
4. If a ball hits a player and deflects off another player, the only player out is the first player contacted.

GAMES AND SCORING:

1. A team will be declared the winner when all players of the opposing team have been knocked out.
2. Play will begin with an opening rush in which all 6 balls are lined up on the centerline. Each player must have one foot on the back line. When the whistle is blown, each player will race to retrieve a ball. Players must then carry the ball to the back line and step on the back line with one foot before the ball may be put into play.
3. Tournament will be played in a double elimination format with initial pairings determined by blind draw.
4. In the event of a tie after five minutes, play will continue in a sudden death format until one side either hits someone from the other side with a ball or catches the other team's ball for the win.
5. In order to reduce stalling, a violation may be called if a team in the lead holds and/or controls all 6 balls on their side of the court for more than five seconds.

RULES OF CONDUCT:

1. Foul language is prohibited. First offense will result in a verbal warning. Second offense will result in elimination from the tournament and dismissal from the gymnasium.
2. Fighting is prohibited. A fight will result in all players involved being dismissed from the Gymnasium.