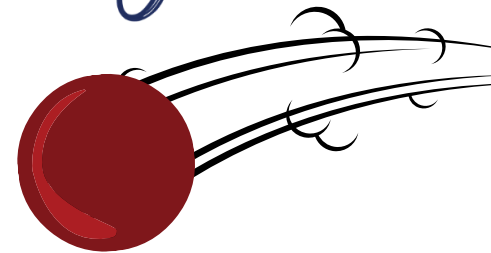


2021 Archdiocese of Washington High School Dodgeball Tournament

RULES AND REGULATIONS



Double Elimination Tournament or Pool Play: The format of the tournament, either double elimination or pool play with single elimination bracket, determined on Friday, June 26th, and including in the tournament schedule sent out on that date.

Balls: Softer gator balls will be used not the cheap hard plastic balls traditionally associated with dodgeball. Dodgeballs will be provided at games. To purchase: go to <http://www.ssw.com>, and enter "8" Gator Skin® Special Foam Balls (set of 6)" in the search bar.

TEAM/PLAYER RULES

1. A team consists of seven (7) high school players per team, we also allow 8th grade students to help them connect with other youth from the parish.
 - Teams can compete with as few as five (5) players if approved at registration. Acceptable reasons for less than seven (7) players: illness, injury, or sudden drop out.
2. Each team must have at least two (2) males and two (2) females start on the court.
 - If a team plays with less than seven (7) players they must have at least one (1) guy and one (1) girl on that team.
3. All players on the court must be listed on the registration form submitted at registration – no exceptions.
 - Players cannot play on multiple teams.
4. All teams must be in uniform/matching athletic attire.
 - Sneakers, shirts, and shorts are required. No street shoes or marking shoes will be allowed.
 - All jewelry must be removed prior to the start of the match.
 - Although we strongly encourage creativity with uniforms, please note that this is a church sponsored event and standard youth group dress code and all other youth group rules and code of conduct are in effect. Please refer to the youth code of conduct on the waiver form for details.
 - It is recommended that all players wear a mouth guard during game play and when on the court.
 - We reserve the right to disqualify any team for inappropriate attire.

5. Rules will be enforced primarily by the “honor system.”
 - Players are expected to leave the court immediately after they are eliminated. (Referees will only blow their whistles if a player does not exit the court after they have been eliminated.)
 - Youth Ministers/Parish Adult Leaders are responsible for communicating this to their team(s).
6. All players should be polite and respectful to their teammates, their opponents, and the referees.
7. All players are responsible for his or her actions and their own conduct.
8. Players are not allowed to taunt or use profanity towards anyone on the premises.
9. We reserve the right to disqualify any team for poor sportsmanship, or conduct including but not limited to intentionally throwing the ball at an opponent’s head.
10. At the end of the game all players will line up and shake hands with each other.

MATCH RULES

1. A match consists of one game. Each game will last a maximum of seven (7) minutes.
2. The game is over when all of a team’s players are eliminated or when time elapses.
 - If time elapses, the team with the most players left wins.
 - If, after time elapses, there is a tie, then there will be a two (2) minute sudden-death period between the remaining players where the first team to have a player eliminated loses.
 - If there is still a tie then it is double sudden death overtime in which there will be a “duel” between the two team captains.
3. There will be no re-matches. All calls by referees are final
4. Six (6) balls will be used and the officials will place all six (6) balls at the mid-court line.
5. Players must start behind their team baseline before the start of play. Play will commence upon the sounding of the whistle.
6. Any or all members of either team may try and gain possession of any of the six (6) balls located at the mid-court line. Once in possession, the balls must be carried back to the team baseline before it can be thrown.
7. All players are confined to the boundary lines.
 - Players may intentionally leave the playing area on their own side of the court to retrieve a ball. Players retrieving balls must quickly return with the ball to the court.
 - If a ball is thrown out of bounds, it must be given to the team that is on that side.
 - If a player goes out of bounds to avoid getting hit by a ball, the official will call them out.
 - Players must not have either foot on or across the mid-court line or out of bounds lines throughout the game. Anyone breaking the plane of the line will be deemed eliminated.

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8. Teams should practice within boundary lines and mid-court lines as these are frequent causes of elimination. The dodgeball court size is the same as a volleyball court)

INDIVIDUAL ELIMINATION

1. A player will be eliminated when at least one of the following occurs:
 - They are hit below the neck by a ball thrown by their opponent.
 - The player will still be considered eligible if they or a teammate catch the ball before it hits the ground.
 - The ball they throw is caught (before it hits the ground or wall) by someone on the opposite team.
 - If this happens the opposite team also gets a player out of the penalty box.
 - They are hit by a ball deflecting off a teammate.
 - They step out of bounds in an attempt to avoid being hit by a ball.
 - A player drops a blocking ball while using it to block.
 - If a player is using a ball to block a thrown shot by their opponent, they must make sure they have a firm grip on the ball they are using to block.
2. A ball is considered dead once it hits the floor or wall. It must be a direct hit in order to consider the person out of the game.
 - Deflections off the floor, wall, bleachers, rafters, and ceiling do not count as an out if caught.
3. Once a player is out, they must immediately leave the court and stand in the penalty box in the order they were eliminated.
4. If a player is stalling or making no attempt to play a ball on the ground, they will first be given a warning. If the stall continues the player will be ordered to roll the ball to the other side by the official.

YOUTH MINISTER/ADULT PARISH LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Submit team name, number, and \$40 for every parish team to Tex Phelps, Office of Youth Ministry, 7202 Buchanan Street, Landover Hills, MD 20784. The team registration form must be received by Thursday, April 22, 2021, by noon.
2. The tournament schedule will be emailed to parish leader on Friday by 3:00pm.
3. All participants must have a signed liability waiver before they will be permitted to participate in a match.
4. Collect player waivers from every youth participant and keep them on your person during the match. You or the adult in charge of your group will be responsible for every member of your parish present.
5. Inform your parish youth groups of the following details:
 - They are invited to the 7:00pm Mass at St. Patrick.
 - Bring cash if they plan to purchase food or drinks from the concession stand.

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6. Ask your pastor, parochial vicar, seminarians, deacons, brothers, sisters, priests, college students, Core Members, CYO coaches, and parents you know if they would like to participate in the exhibition match at the half way point of the tournament from 4:30 – 4:45 p.m. The more the merrier.
7. Sign up all individuals from the parish who would like to participate in the exhibition match at the registration table.
 - We would like to announce the names of these individuals before the game(s).
 - Feel free to announce any local celebrities you are bringing for the exhibition match.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Submit the Dodgeball Tournament Waiver form signed by a parent/guardian to your Youth Minister/Adult Parish Leader along with payment.
2. Dress in team uniform/matching athletic apparel – see above.
3. Bring spending money to the event for the concession stand.
4. Review the tournament rules carefully!
5. Practice, have fun, and keep participating in your parish's Youth Ministry program!



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