**Official Dodgeball Tournament 2022 Rules**

1. 5 Players per team
   1. Middle School Division (All players must be in 6-8)
   2. High School Division (All players must be in grades 9-12 or younger)
   3. Adult Division Teams (Post High School)
   4. If a team has more than 5 players, that team may only play 5 players at a time.
      1. A team may use more than 5 players but only as substitutes. The subs stand on the sideline and may enter the game when there is a catch on their team. But there can only be 5 players on the field at a time.
2. When the game starts and are going to midline for a ball, before the balls can be thrown, each ball must tag the backline of the field before being thrown to get people out. THE BALL MUST PHYSICALLY TOUCH THE END LINE BEFORE BEING THROWN!!!!!
3. If you get hit with a ball before it hits the ground, you are out. The dodgeball is considered dead only when it hits the ground.
   1. If a ball is thrown and hits more than one person before hitting the ground, all players the ball hit are out.
   2. If a ball is thrown and hits more than one person before hitting the ground, but the ball is caught before hitting the ground, every person the ball hit is not out, and the person who threw the ball is out.
4. You may deflect a ball with a ball in your hand.
   1. If you deflect a ball, and then it hits anywhere on your body before it hits the ground you are out.
   2. If you deflect a ball and it’s caught before it hits the ground, it is considered a catch.
5. If you catch a ball before it hits the ground, the person who threw it is out, and a teammate may come back in (in the order they got out in the game, substitutes are first in if you have more than 6 players on your team). Limit to 6 players on the field.
6. If you deflect a ball with the ball in your hand and drop the ball in your hand, you are out.
7. The ball is only considered dead when it has hit the ground.
8. This means multiple people can get out on one throw of a dodgeball.
9. If you cross the midline, you are out.
10. THE RULINGS OF THE REFEREES ON YOUR COURT IS FINAL! (NO DEBATE NO ARGUING)
11. If you argue with the referee, you will be out of the game (without chance to come back in). If instances continue to occur you will be asked to not participate in the rest of the tournament (a substitute will not be allowed for your team)
12. If you use foul language you will be warned, but further instances you may be ejected from the game/tournament.
13. There will be a 10 second holding ball rule enforced and counted by the refs if they see play on their court is slowing down.
    1. This is up to the discretion of the Refs to enforce.
    2. THE REFS WILL IGNORE AND NOT ENFORCE COUNTING BY ANYONE BUT THEMSELVES.
14. Additional Rules such as time limits may be implemented to speed up play the day of the tournament. Any changes will be clearly made and announced.
15. All games have 15-minute time limit.
16. ALWAYS SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AND HAVE FUN!