

Houston River Dodgeball Rules

1. If you want to play you must be on a team and sign in.
2. There will be one referee at each corner of the arena. Referee decisions will be final. Do not argue with them.
3. If you do not start a game you cannot join the game while it is being played, you will have to wait till the next game starts.
4. If you are not in the game you must stay off the court.
5. You can not get put out by crossing the black line at center court until all the balls have been brought back behind the white lines. Crossing the center black line or touching it at any other time results in you being out.
6. If you are not in the game you need to be help throw balls back into the arena. No balls are to be held out of the game.
7. A ball is live until it hits the floor or the wall. The only exception is if someone uses a ball as a shield then the live ball cannot get that person out, but the ball is still live until it hits the floor or the wall.
8. When using your ball as a shield, if your shield (ball) is knocked out of your hands you are out.
9. If you get hit in the head you are still in the game. The person throwing the ball that hit you in the head is out. They may reenter the game per game rules. No intentionally using your head to get the opposing player out.
10. If you are in the game and climb outside the arena for any reason you are out.
11. If you are in the game and sit down in the bleachers you are out.
12. When you get put out of the game you need to sit on the side wall so you can keep track of the order for re-entry into the game.
13. When one team gets down to their final player both teams must move inside the white lines. If a player steps outside the white lines they are out. If the team with the final player gets to bring in a player, then the game goes back to full court.
14. If a team gets down to their final player, they can have no more than three balls on their side of the court at one time.
15. During the game, if someone throws the ball into the opposing team's basketball hoop, then one of their players reenters the game. When one team gets down to their final player and the other team is successful in throwing a ball through their hoop the game is over. If this final player is successful at throwing a ball into the hoop, this their entire team reenters the game.
16. There will be no kicking dodgeballs.
17. You can only be on one team during tournament play.
18. No bad language or bad attitudes. This is supposed to be fun!
19. Not following these rules will cause your team to forfeit. The referee's word is law on this issue!