

DODGEBALL

I. Eligibility

- Any undergraduate student enrolled in a minimum of one credit hour with a valid Bethany ID card is eligible until they withdraw from the college or fail to comply with other eligibility guidelines.
- 2. Any faculty member or administrative/staff personnel employed by the college with an administrative/staff ID card.

II. Roster Size

- 1. Unlimited number of players. A maximum of ten "Intramural Champion" t-shirts will be awarded to the wining team.
- 2. New players may be added to the roster any time during the regular season by notifying the Intramural Director. Players may not be added during play-offs. Players must have participated in at least one regular season game to be eligible to participate in play-offs.
- 3. Players may only play for the team for which they are rostered.

III. Object of the Game

- 1. Eliminate all of the players from the other team by hitting them with a thrown ball or by catching the balls thrown by the opposing team.
- 2. The team that wins 3 out of 5 games or is ahead at the end of the 30 minute time limit is the winner. If the teams are tied at the end of 30 minutes, a sudden death round will be played involving one chosen member from each team going head-to-head.

IV. Rules

- 1. Teams start with 6 players on the floor with a minimum of two females.
- 2. Substitutions may occur in the case of injury. Whenever possible, a female should sub for a female and a male should sub for a male.
- 3. The game begins with each team lining up behind their end line and advancing at the official's signal to retrieve the balls that have been placed on the center line.
- 4. At the start of the game only, players must retreat to behind the 10 foot line of the volleyball court before they may throw at the opposing team.
- 5. A player may not step over the center line at any time but they may reach over the line to retrieve a ball.

- 6. If a player is hit by a ball thrown by the other team before it hits the floor or wall, that player is out.
- 7. A ball is considered live if it rebounds off a player or another ball.
- 8. If a player is hit above the shoulders, they will not be called out unless the player ducks or takes a position where their head is below where their shoulders would normally be. In this case, the throw will be considered legal and the player will be called out.
- 9. A player may use a ball to block a thrown ball and will not be considered out.
- 10. If a player blocks a thrown ball into another player on their team, the player hit will be called out.
- 11. If a blocking ball is dropped as a result of contact from a live ball, then the player who drops the ball is out.
- 12. A player may block a live ball then release the blocking ball in order to attempt to catch a live ball.
- 13. A player cannot leave the playing field to avoid being hit or in an attempt to catch a live ball.
- 14. A player cannot hit opponents or be hit when not in the playing field.
- 15. Players may exit across the back line and return across the back line in order to retrieve balls outside the playing area. They may not cross the center line extended.
- 16. Players who have been called out may retrieve stray balls for their teammates provided they do not cross the center line extended.
- 17. If a player catches a thrown ball, the thrower will be out and an eliminated player from the catcher's team may return to the game. Players must return in the order they were eliminated.
- 18. If a ball hits a player but his/her teammate catches the ball before it hits the floor, both players remain in the game. The thrower is out and an eliminated player from the catcher's team returns.
- 19. If at any point play stalls (i.e. neither team throws a ball for an extended period), the refs will start a 5 second count-down. Both teams must throw at least one ball (provided they have one) within the 5 seconds.
- 20. If both teams have only one player remaining, the refs may instruct the players to play within a shorted court outlined by the 10-foot lines of the volleyball court.