

The University of Georgia  
Department of Recreational Sports  
A Division of Student Affairs  
Intramural Sports

**Dodgeball Rules**

1. Teams will be determined based on light and dark colors as listed on the main schedule. No players are permitted to wear grey.
2. No brimmed hats or anything with knots will be permitted.
3. The game starts with 8 players on the court for each team with a maximum of 15 allowed on the roster. A minimum of 5 players are required to start the game.
  - a. Co-Rec – A minimum of 6-players are required to start a match, and at no time can the number of males or females be greater than four.
4. Balls will be placed at the middle line to start the game. All players must remain at their end line until the whistle blows. All players must stay on their side of the middle line. Players must return the balls past their “volleyball serving line” before throwing a ball.
5. Any player hit with a ball thrown from the opposing team (shoulders and below) will be out (balls that hit the ground first are dead balls). The player must exit the playing field.
6. A player is eliminated if while throwing a ball at an opposing player, it is caught in the air. The throwing player must exit the playing field.
7. Eliminated players must stay in order of elimination along the back wall on their team’s side.
8. If a ball is caught, the first player who was eliminated on the team of the person who caught the ball will re-enter the game.
9. If a thrown ball deflects off a ball in a player’s possession, the ball is dead.
10. A player may only save him/her self. If a ball hits Player X, only Player X may catch the deflection to avoid being out. If this occurs, the person who threw the ball is eliminated.
11. During the match, when there are 4 players or less remaining on the court, the referee shall call OPEN COURT and players may advance anywhere on the court.
12. Whichever team has the last player standing will win the game.
13. The team that wins the best 2 out of 3 games will be declared the winner.
14. Final decisions will be made by the referee.

**Boundaries:**

1. Courts 1 & 3, Outside white lines are the out of bounds
2. Court 2, Outside of the thick red line is the out of bounds
3. Players may only leave boundary area to retrieve a ball. If they do, they must return immediately.