



6th Annual ÉLJHS Dodgeball Tournament Code of Conduct

Every participant in this tournament is expected to abide by the following Code of Conduct. Please read and sign below.

Code of Conduct

1. Understand, appreciate, and abide by the rules of the game
2. Respect your opponents and congratulate them in a courteous manner following each match whether in victory or defeat
3. Respect the integrity and judgment of game referees
4. Be responsible for your actions and maintain self-control

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Spirit is of utmost importance, and unsportsmanlike conduct, spirit breaches, and actions detrimental to dodgeball play will not be tolerated. This includes:

1. Headshots and regular high throws
 - a. Regular hits above the shoulders (headhunting)
 - b. Contested vs Uncontested head shots
- i. Contested headshots do occur, and are considered accidental (to a degree) or reasonable due to the play:
 - a. The player is kneeling or crouching low;
 - b. The ball bounces off of something (ball/wall/ground/player) and hits a player in the head;
 - c. A person is throwing at another player and the recipient walks in front of the throw;
 - d. The person lowers their head into the ball
- i. *Uncontested* headshots are unacceptable and unsafe
 - a. They occur in full standing position or similar (a slight crouch);
 - b. Are uncalled for;
 - c. Directly contact the recipient without hitting anything else;
 - d. May also occur after a thrower has been consistently throwing high (despite being told otherwise by referees)

At any time if a headshot is thrown, the thrower should immediately apologize and ensure that the apology is received by the headshot recipient.

2. Foul language, racial slurs, verbal abuse, and slander
3. Unnecessary roughness and physical abuse
4. Slamming down or kicking balls in anger when hit
5. Arguing with referees, volunteers, participants, or fans
6. Abuse of the honour system
7. Excessive or unruly complaining and negativity to other players, referees, or organizers
8. Biased refereeing to favor or disfavor other teams
9. Side refereeing (calling out missed calls or voicing opinions on a call) is discouraged

**In order to protect players, organizers reserve the right to give official warnings and suspensions on any of the above violations, and may ask the instigator to leave the court or premise immediately if the violation is severe.*

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*We are all volunteers attempting to make this an enjoyable, successful, and lasting event.

*We thank you for your participation.