

Dodgeball Manitoba – Code of Conduct

Players, referees, match officials, ball retrievers, and any other participant are to maintain the integrity of the game with their sportsmanship and conduct. All are expected to handle themselves with dignity and respect.

They are prohibited from the following:

- Fighting, attempting to assault another participant, or any uninvited physical contact
- Discriminatory comments on a person's sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity, age, or any form of discrimination
- Taunting - intended to provoke someone in an insulting or contemptuous manner
- Throwing a ball at another player despite having been clearly rendered out
- Intentionally causing pain or throwing a ball excessively hard at close distance at another player's face (ie both standing at the line)
- Foul language directed at opposing teams, referees, ball retrievers, organizers
- Kicking or spiking the ball
- Cheating/abuse of the honour system (ie staying on the court because the referee did not see)
- Causing distraction to players on the court
- Use of equipment or clothing to catch balls is not permitted. This includes gloves and the player's uniform. A player using equipment or uniform to assist in a catch will be rendered out.

They must:

- Understand, appreciate and abide by the rules
- Respect the judgement of referees and organizers
- Be responsible for their own actions
- Maintain self-control
- Understand that while the matches have a referee, the game is still to use the honour system and if a player is hit they must remove themselves from the court and should not wait to be called out by the referee or match official (players who remain on the court after clearly being rendered out and waits to be called out by an official will be in breach of the honour system)

Misconduct during matches will lead to a YELLOW CARD or a RED CARD for the player.

Yellow cards act as a warning for the player for his/her conduct on court, and the team should be warned that 2 yellow cards for the team and the team will play one player short for the remainder of the match.

Red cards are for serious misconducts during the match, and may be given without prior warning to the offense. Should a player get a red card during the tournament, he/she is ejected from the tournament and the team will continue playing one player short for the rest of the tournament.

Two yellow cards to the same player in the tournament, equate to a red card, and that player will be ejected from the tournament.

A team is accountable for the actions of their team supporters and spectators.

If a team believes that their opponent or their supporters are unfairly interfering with the game, such team's captain may request that the referees issue a warning to the opposing team to discontinue the interfering behavior. If the behavior continues, the interfering team may be subject to penalty, including a YELLOW CARD or RED CARD. The referees shall have discretion as to whether the behavior does amount to interference and as to the appropriate penalty in the event a warning is issued but not heeded.