

## Dodgeball Manitoba

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### 1.0 Preamble

While Dodgeball Manitoba is a non-profit organization, many tournaments and developmental events have a cost associated for the player. This cost covers the use of gym space, equipment and other running costs of the organization. Dodgeball Manitoba recognizes that players come from a variety of financial means and socio-economic backgrounds, and that the costs associated with events can be a barrier to access. In the interest of inclusivity and growing the sport of dodgeball, Dodgeball Manitoba would like to offer a percentage of all entries to events at no cost, in the hopes that this will enable greater access to the sport.

### 2.0 Barrier Free Entries

Dodgeball Manitoba will offer 5% of all available player spots to any event, tournament, workshop, etc at no cost. If 5% of event capacity is less than two spots, two spots will be offered.

If the event is paid on a per-team basis, 5% will be calculated by multiplying the number of team spots by 9, then taking 5% of this number. If the event or tournament is gendered, an equal number of Barrier Free Entries will be provided for each gender. In the situation of a team paying as a unit, one-ninth of the entry fee will be deducted from the total cost of the team for each Barrier Free Entry player on that team. Players applying for Barrier Free Entry to team events must be comfortable sharing this information with the captain of the team(s) they will be playing on in order to facilitate this reduction in cost.

### 3.0 Criteria

Anyone is welcome to apply for Barrier Free Entry. Membership or previous participation in Dodgeball Manitoba events is not required. Applicants are not required and are encouraged not to disclose any information about themselves or their financial situations, as the board would like to provide as much privacy to players as possible.

The honor system is used when players apply for Barrier Free Entry. Players with the financial means to pay entry to events are asked not to apply. This leaves the Barrier Free Entry spots available for those in need and helps to grow the sport of dodgeball as a whole.

### 4.0 Application

Players wishing to apply for Barrier Free Entry should email [info@dodgeballmanitoba.com](mailto:info@dodgeballmanitoba.com) indicating their wish to receive a Barrier Free Entry spot. Players should include their full name and the event they

wish to obtain entry to. Players are encouraged to apply at least a week in advance, however applications will be processed as close as is reasonable to the given event.

### **5.0 Granting of Barrier Free Entry**

Barrier Free Entry requests will generally be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. If there is a high demand for Barrier Free Entry with applicants exceeding available spots, then spots may be given on a rotating basis in order to facilitate the greatest possible number of players gaining access to events.