

Troop 111 Dodgeball Tournament Rules

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Location: Midview Middle School Gym, 38199 Capel Rd. Grafton, Ohio 44044
Cost: \$8.00 per player
Doors Open: 6:00 P.M.
Tournament Begins: 6:30 P.M.

Team: Team can consist of no less than 6 players and no more than 10 players. There are two age groups: 11-14 year olds and 14-17 year olds. All players on a team must be part of the same age group. Players can only play on one team. Only 6 players can play during a game with up to four substitutes.

The Playing Field: The gym will be divided into two courts separated by a curtain. Each court will be divided into two equal sections by a center-line and an attack-line.

Equipment: Foam balls will be used. Players are encouraged to bring and wear goggles to protect their eyes.

Objective of Game: Eliminate players on the opposing team by: Hitting an opposing player with a LIVE thrown ball below the shoulders. Catching a LIVE ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.

Boundaries/Sportsmanship: Players must remain within the boundary lines during play. All players who are eliminated must exit the court immediately. Officials will oversee all games, but players are expected to exit the court when they are out. All decisions of the officials are final. Unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the game and possible forfeiture of the game or match. Troop leaders or designees should supervise their team during play. After a match, teams are expected to congratulate each other in a courteous manner. Players are expected to demonstrate sportsmanship at all times.

Opening Rush: Dodge balls are placed along the centerline – three on one side of the hash and three on the other side. Players start behind their end line. On a signal players can approach the centerline to retrieve the balls. Teams can only retrieve the three balls to the right of the center hash. A ball must be taken behind the attack-line before it can be legally thrown. 14-17 year olds will play with a total of 4 balls, so teams will retrieve 2 balls on the opening rush.

Match Play: A match consists of three five-minute games. The winner of a game shall receive three (3) points and the loser will receive one (1) point. At the end of the five (5) minute time limit the team with the greatest number of players remaining is declared the winner. If it is a tie, there will be a one minute overtime until one player is eliminated. If a tie remains after overtime, both teams will receive two points. After each game, the teams will switch sides. Each team will play a minimum of 9 games (3 matches).

5-Second Violation: To reduce stalling, a violation will be called if a team in the lead controls all six balls on their side or more than 5 seconds or if a player holds a ball for more than 10 seconds.

Safety: Protective goggles are recommended, but not mandatory. Players must provide their own goggles. A player who is hit above the shoulders will remain in the game and the player who threw the ball will be out. The exception to this rule would be if it is determined by the official that the player was hit while ducking to dodge a ball or the ball was purposely thrown at a player's head while he was down.

Spectators: Spectators should remain in designated areas for safety.

Concession Stand: Pizza, chips, ice cream and drinks will be for sale.