



British Dodgeball

Summary of disciplinary sanctions/ procedures

An overview of the guideline sanctions for particular offences committed by players or spectators of British Dodgeball adult events is listed below.

The British Dodgeball Sanctions Committee for 2017/18 will consist of Jess Goshawk (lead), Pete Watt, Dan Egleton, Rob Kearns and Kirsty Lunn.

General process and guidelines

- Where possible yellow cards, red cards and other penalties will be issued by the referee or other British Dodgeball official on the day of the event.
- “Issuing” a card or penalty will involve verbally notifying the offending individual where this is issued at an event, and notifying the team through which the offending individual had entered via email following the event.
- Cards may be issued or repealed retrospectively, by email and only by a member of the British Dodgeball Sanctions Committee.
- Cards may be appealed by emailing jess@britishdodgeball.com by no later than 7 days following the issue of the card. Appealed cards will be reviewed in conjunction with referees’ reports as quickly as possible by the British Dodgeball Sanctions Committee.
- The Sanctions Committee are not obliged to accept video or photographic evidence as part of an appeal.
- Where an appeal is successful there will be no adjustment to any bans or penalties already served.

Penalty set

- 1) A penalty set can be issued by a referee for a minor offence/ infringement and will result in the offending player missing one whole set of match play, with their team having to play this set short-handed. A penalty set is one set regardless of the length of that set.
- 2) Receiving a penalty as a player in a match whilst that match is in play will result in the player being immediately called “out” (if not already out) and sent to the “player sin bin”. Their penalty set will be the subsequent set.
- 3) Receiving a penalty as a player not currently competing in a match in British Dodgeball events (for instance, as a substitute or spectator, or between matches) will result in that player serving a penalty set during the next set to be played by a team containing the offending player.

Yellow cards

- 1) Yellow cards will be issued for all moderate offences/ infringements where calling the player “out” is not applicable or would not be sufficient.



- 2) Receiving a yellow card as a player in a match whilst that match is in play will result in the player being immediately called “out” (if not already out) and sent to the “player sin bin”.
 - a. The player must remain in the “player sin bin” until five minutes of match play has been completed.
 - b. Their team is not permitted to replace them with another player in this time and must start each set during these five minutes short-handed and as if that player were in the starting line-up.
 - c. Once the five minute sin bin has been served, the offending player must move to the back of the out queue in the player return area.
 - d. Any penalty that has not been fully served when a match ends will be carried over to the next match in which the offending player plays/ is a named substitute. Where this next match is at a subsequent event, the British Dodgeball Sanctions Committee may select a particular event in which the remainder of the penalty must be served.
- 3) Receiving a yellow card as a player not currently competing in a match in British Dodgeball events (for instance, as a substitute or spectator, or between matches) will result in that player serving a five minute penalty in the “player sin bin” from the start of the next set to be played by a team containing the offending player.
 - a. Where this next set will be at a subsequent event to the one where the offence is committed, the British Dodgeball Sanctions Committee may select a particular event in which the penalty must be served.
 - b. The player must remain in the “player sin bin” until five minutes of match play has been completed.
 - c. Their team is not permitted to replace them with another player in this time and must start each set during these five minutes short-handed and as if that player were in the starting line-up.
 - d. Once the five minute sin bin has been served, the offending player must move to the back of the out queue in the player return area.
- 4) Cumulative yellow cards received by a player over the course of any 12 month period will result in further penalties.
- 5) Two yellow cards received in the same match at an event will automatically result in a red card being issued to the offending player.

Red cards

- 1) Red cards will be issued for the most serious of offences.
- 2) Receiving a red card as a player in a match whilst that match is in play will result in the player being immediately called “out” (if not already out) and sent out of the court boundaries for the remainder of that match.
 - a. For the remainder of the match in which the player receives the red card, their team is not permitted to replace them with another player and must start each set during the remainder of this match short-handed, as if that player were in the starting line-up.
 - b. The player will not be permitted to participate in any further matches at the event or round of fixtures in which the red card was received. For any of these further matches, whilst this offending player may not participate, their team no longer



- needs to play short-handed (unless the team has no substitutes, in which case they must play short-handed).
- 3) Receiving a red card as a substitute player not currently competing in a match in British Dodgeball events, but during a match, will result in that player being immediately sent out of the court boundaries for the remainder of that match.
 - a. For all further sets of the match in which the player receives the red card, their team must play as if the offending player were in the starting line-up and must start each set short-handed.
 - b. The player will not be permitted to participate in any further matches at the event or round of fixtures in which the red card was received. For any of these further matches, whilst this offending player may not participate, their team no longer needs to play short-handed.
 - 4) Receiving a red card as a player not currently competing in a match in British Dodgeball events (for instance, as a spectator, or between matches) will result in that player having to remain outside of the court boundaries for the entirety of the next match in which they are a named player/substitute.
 - a. For all sets of the first match after which the player receives the red card, their team must play as if the offending player were in the starting line-up and must start each set short-handed.
 - b. The player will not be permitted to participate in any further matches at the event or round of fixtures in which the red card was received. For any of these further matches, whilst this offending player may not participate, their team no longer needs to play short-handed.
 - 5) The British Dodgeball Sanctions Committee will always review red card offences and decide whether further sanctions are necessary.

Team Offences

Where sanctioning just one individual is not appropriate, the British Dodgeball Sanctions Committee will review where a team sanction should be applied, such as a penalty set, or a points deduction.

Overview of possible offences and suggested sanctions

The following is an overview of offences that may occur in relation to British Dodgeball events, and the suggested standard consequences. The context of every infringement or offence is different and therefore British Dodgeball Referees and the British Dodgeball Sanctions Committee may decide that a different sanction is more appropriate.



Table 1

INFRINGEMENT	SUGGESTED SANCTION
Invalid attempt (including throwing at a player who is clearly already out)	Player is "out"
Swearing – indirect but audible to at least one referee or official	Player is "out"
Swearing – direct	Yellow card
Other verbal offence including taunting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Player is "out" for a first offence - Yellow card for a subsequent offence in the same match
Serious verbal offence (e.g. discriminatory) whether direct or indirect	Red card
Arguing with a refereeing decision / trying to make a call*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Player is "out" for a first offence - Yellow card for a subsequent offence in the same match
Deliberate/ avoidable physical contact	Yellow card for any individual instigating contact
Spitting at an opponent	Red card
Intentional headshot	Yellow card where players are in close proximity
Timewasting	Any offending players are "out"
Unsportsmanlike conduct	Player "out"/ penalty set/ yellow card dependent on severity and impact
As a substitute/ "out" player/ spectator, entering the court or interfering in play	Penalty set
Serious physical offence i.e. violent conduct	Red card

* Players are permitted to ask referees a non-aggressive question about the outcome of a recent play where this was not fully clarified by the referee/ other official. Where possible this should be directed to the referee by the captain or coach only. If the referee deems this to be aggressive or unnecessary questioning, they may apply sanctions. Suggested sanctions are outlined in table 1.

Cumulative yellow and red cards

- For every 3 yellow cards received by a player within any 12 month period, an additional 1 match ban will apply. The event in which this ban is to be served will be decided by the British Dodgeball Sanctions Committee.
- Where 2 yellow cards are issued in the same match and therefore a player receives a red card, these will be logged as two yellow cards for the purposes of additional penalties for cumulative cards.
- Where 2 red cards received by a player within any 12 month period, an additional 2 match ban will apply. Any subsequent red cards will result in further 2 match bans. The event in which this ban is to be served will be decided by the British Dodgeball Sanctions Committee.
- Penalty sets will be recorded on the day but will not result in further sanctions.