COMPETITION GUIDE
2019–2020 SEASON
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the British Dodgeball Competition Guide for the 2019-2020 season. We have worked hard to organise more events than ever before, using feedback from clubs to inform our decisions. Two particular themes have influenced our competition calendar this year:

1. **Distance & Competition Standard**: These were the main two items mentioned by respondents to our Club Survey 2019-2020. Our competition calendar has been designed to give new clubs the best chance of playing those of a similar standard nearby whilst ensuring teams at the top level still have good competitive opportunities.

2. **Empowerment**: We are looking to empower clubs by helping them to organise and run their own competitions. This will lead to better interclub relationships, a more experienced community workforce and a stronger club network in the UK. To support clubs with this, British Dodgeball have launched a new Club Competition Service which will help clubs to organise and coordinate their own events which will benefit a club and those around them.

**Positive examples of clubs organising their own events:**
- Norwich Nighthawks and UEA Dodgeball Club organised and hosted the East Anglian Invitational, which involved 5 local clubs.
- The ‘Manchester Dodgeball Community’ (a collaboration of 8 Greater Manchester-based clubs) held the Manchester Community Cup and got 90 children and 30 adults playing dodgeball.
- Granite City Guerillas hosted the Rocket Cup, which got over 150 dodgeballers playing in 20 teams and raised over £9,000 for charity.
- Edinburgh Dodgeball are planning on hosting a junior competition in September which junior teams such as the Eden Eagles will play at.

To achieve our goal of delivering 178 events to the dodgeball community in the 2019-2020 season, we are looking to expand our team. Visit the events coordinators section for more details. We are also requiring every player to apply for Playing Membership before they participate in British Dodgeball events in the 2019-2020 season in order to help us gather statistics - this is free of charge.

*Please be aware that event details listed in this guide may change through the season due to venue changes, team entry numbers etc., so please make sure to check details are correct on the British Dodgeball website before entering any events.*

**EVENTS GUIDE FOR CLUBS**

1. Get club membership if you wish to play in leagues or need public liability insurance.
2. Register your playing members.
3. Check out the competitive opportunities and enter on our website.
4. Plan your own competitions using the Club Competition Service.
5. Get your tickets for international events as they are released.
Club membership at British Dodgeball is open to all clubs that have a designated contact and training venue. All teams competing in British Dodgeball leagues and opens on a regular basis must belong to a British Dodgeball member club. Each member club forms part of a wider British Dodgeball team that works together to support and develop the sport of dodgeball on a local, regional and national level.

If you would like your club to become a member of British Dodgeball, please complete the short form here and make the necessary payment. Club membership lasts for one season. For further info, please visit club membership.

**Basic Club Membership: £30**
- Eligibility to enter teams into British Dodgeball leagues
- 40% discount on our official apparel partners Kappa club teamwear and a club shop hosted on the British Dodgeball website
- £10 off orders of tape + free delivery on orders over £50 on Gladiator tape from our official court marking partner, No. 1 Packaging
- Discount on trophies from our official trophy supplier, Pro Sport Trophies.
- Access to the British Dodgeball Club Competition Service

**Premium Club Membership: £60**
- All the benefits of Basic Club Membership plus public liability insurance to ensure your club’s dodgeball sessions are covered

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**Playing, Junior and Adult Membership**

Anybody wishing to play in any British Dodgeball competition in the 2019-2020 season must be registered as a playing member. This can be done on the Playing Member Registration page. Players under 18 must be registered by a parent or responsible guardian. Failure to do this could result in a breach of the British Dodgeball regulations and lead to sanctions against the individual or club.

Should you wish, clubs can submit playing membership application forms in bulk by downloading the excel document on the Playing Member Registration page and emailing it to hello@britishdodgeball.com.

**Cost:** Free
ADULT MEMBERSHIP

Adult membership at British Dodgeball enables you to be a voting member of the National Governing Body, attend our AGM each year and have your say throughout the season as we discuss the direction of the organisation and the sport it governs in the U.K. As an adult member for the 2018/19 season we also offer the following:

- 50% discount – British Dodgeball Level 2 Qualification
- 30% discount – British Dodgeball Level 3 Qualification

Cost: £15

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

If you love dodgeball then becoming a junior member of British Dodgeball is a great way to get involved in this fantastic sport and gain opportunities to get close to star dodgeball players from around the U.K.

Junior membership for the 2019-20 season is at a cost of just £14 for the year including p&p. As a member, you will receive a British Dodgeball branded junior members pack including British Dodgeball notebook and pencil, British Dodgeball stickers, British Dodgeball badges and your very own British Dodgeball Junior Membership Card*

*Your British Dodgeball Junior Membership Card provides free spectator access to all Home Nations League fixtures and the British Championships.

Cost: £14

RECRUITING EVENT COORDINATORS NOW

British Dodgeball are planning on delivering 178 events to our community, university and junior clubs next season in what will be the most comprehensive dodgeball calendar ever seen in the UK, and the world.

We are seeking 11 regional events coordinators to help us achieve professional delivery of these league, open and championship competitions. Applicants should be able to demonstrate experience of dodgeball, sports officiation and coordination of events (particularly within the sporting environment). Our regional coordinators must represent British Dodgeball in a positive manner, showing strong leadership and organisation skills in order to work with referees and ensure that events run to time.

£12/hour + travel expenses of 25p/mile
Self-employed position
Events last for between 4-9 hours

For more information on the regions and the type of people we are looking for, please look at our roles page.
CLUB COMPETITION SERVICE

Looking to host your own event? British Dodgeball can help!
We are looking to empower clubs by helping them to organise and run their own competitions. This will lead to better interclub relationships, a more experienced community workforce and a stronger club network in the UK. Events may be a charity fundraiser, a local league, a community festival, a junior event or any other type of competition you can think of.

**British Dodgeball Club Competition Service**

**Marketing:** Event listing on the British Dodgeball website
Event marketing on social media

**Easy Entry:** Teams can sign-up via the British Dodgeball website

**Event Guidance:** Event guides and advice

**Source Equipment:** Use British Dodgeball’s recommended partners for high quality and low-cost trophies, tape and dodgeballs

This service is free to host clubs. British Dodgeball will charge a standard 10% of team entry fees to cover administration time. Get in touch by emailing hello@britishdodgeball.com.

COMPUTITION LOGOS

Many thanks to Dale Page for designing our new competition logos. Competition logos are free for member clubs to use without permission if guidance below is followed. All other than adult supporting members and those acting on behalf of member clubs must ask permission for using British Dodgeball logos by emailing hello@britishdodgeball.com.

Logos are available in full colour or white. Please make sure logos are clearly readable in terms of size and colour. You may only use the relevant competition logo for items specific to that British Dodgeball event e.g. the Super League logo with a picture of a Super League team.
National Leagues will operate in the same way as last year with the only exception being the Scottish National League system. The Scottish Super League will now be held in Dundee on a weekend date in order to provide a better opportunity for newer teams to enter the league and grow the sport in the whole of Scotland. It will also consist of 15-minute halves in order to align with all other National Leagues in the UK.

The National Mixed Leagues will be split into 2 divisions depending upon positioning from last season, and also starts earlier this season. The cost of St Georges Park has increased so league meets will be £65 per club for the English National Leagues.

Cost: £420/team (7 rounds)
English National Leagues: £585 (9 rounds), £455 (7 rounds)
Eligibility: Players may be registered for one national league club team only
Dates: Check links for information on dates
Deadline: 31st August 2019

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Regional Leagues are being introduced as an alternative to small opens in response to the British Dodgeball Club Survey 2019. When asked to feed-back about competitions:
- 44% of respondents asked for more local competition.
- 31% of respondents stated that the standard of dodgeball at opens was too high for their club.

There will be men’s and women’s leagues in each region; we are aiming for 8 teams per regional league for them to take place. If enough teams enter a regional league, we will split the league into 2 divisions to ensure teams play opposition of the correct standard. If there are not enough teams entered to form a viable regional league, we will combine men’s and women’s categories or offer teams the chance to enter their next closest league, prioritising feedback from teams, travel distance and competitive standard. The league will be played monthly with 2 fixtures in each round. There will be 2 leagues per year in order to give new teams the chance to enter halfway through a season, the Autumn/Winter League and the Spring/Summer League.

There are currently no regional leagues being organised in N.I., Wales or Scotland due to a lack of team density. If clubs from those areas have an interest in entering a regional league, they may enter the closest one or email hello@britishdodgeball.com outlining your club’s interest. Once a high enough interest level is reached, we will endeavor to set up regional leagues in those areas.

Regional leagues are different to the National Leagues - club teams may enter both.

Cost: £200/team (4 rounds)
Eligibility: Players may be registered for one regional league club team only. This can be different to a national league club if this is to help another club develop - please specify on your membership form.
Deadline: 31st August 2019 (Autumn/Winter), 1st January (Spring/Summer)
LOCAL LEAGUES 2019–2020

Local leagues are played on an evening each month for approximately 2 hours. Only Greater Manchester will have local leagues arranged by British Dodgeball due to team density (adult, U16, U11). Please see the Club Competition Service below which affiliated Clubs can access and get in touch if you’d like to organise your own local league.

OPEN EVENTS 2019–2020

Opens Events:
New Season Open – Sheffield, 8th September 2019
Central England Open – St George’s Park 15th September 2019
North England Open – Manchester, 19th October 2019
British Open – TBC, 11th/12th Jan 2019
English Foam Open – TBC, 3rd May 2019
South England Open – Aylesbury, 7th June 2019

Each open event will include a men’s and a women’s category.

There are no open events organised in Scotland, N.I. or Wales as we are looking to work with clubs to develop their own competitions. Please see the Club Competition Service below which affiliated Clubs can access and get in touch if you’d like to organise your own competition.

The cost of some opens has increased slightly as we will be hiring a photographer to take pictures of all teams and put into an event album. This should aid clubs when marketing themselves as you will have permissions to use images taken. This should raise the sport’s profile and help dodgeball to grow.

Cost: £80/team
Eligibility: No restrictions – players may play for any team
Deadline: 2 Mondays prior to each event. Entry will be first come, first served. Further entries will go on a waiting list.

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS 2019–2020

Championship Events 2019–2020:
N.I. Championships – TBC, 30th/31st May 2020
Scottish Championships – TBC, 30th/31st May 2020
Welsh Championships – TBC, 30th/31st May 2020
English Championships – TBC, 30th/31st May 2020

Each championship event will include a women’s and a men’s category. These events are stand alone as all qualification for British Championships will happen through national leagues.

Cost: £70/team
Eligibility: Players may play for their national league club only. Clubs may only enter the championship event in the area where they are based.
Deadline: 2 Mondays prior to each event. Entry will be first come, first served + limited to club first teams initially. Further entries will go on a waiting list.
British Championships – Liverpool, 13th June 2020

This will be the final adult event of the season and should be the highlight event. Qualifications will all happen through national leagues this year for the first time.

Matches will be played to 15-minute halves and every team will be guaranteed a minimum of 4 matches.

Tickets will be £5 for spectators; there is a bar at the venue and accommodation at the venue or nearby.

Cost: £80/team
Eligibility: Qualification for this event will happen through the following:

Mens: National Leagues positions (top 2 teams from NI, top 5 teams from England, top 2 teams from Wales, top 2 teams from Scotland + defending champions)

Womens: National Leagues + Scottish and Welsh Championships positions (top 2 teams from NI, top 7 teams from England, winner of Welsh Championship, Winner of Scottish Championship + defending champions)

Deadline: 2 Mondays prior to the event.
University Leagues will operate in the same way as last year with two changes based on feedback given in the British Dodgeball University Club Survey 2019:

1. We are hoping to grow women’s dodgeball by putting on women’s university leagues in each region. We will be holding men’s and women’s leagues at the same time and venue.

2. We are creating a Men’s University Super League. The top 8 men’s university teams from last year will be invited to take part in this. Promotion into this league will be decided at the University League Finals Day. 2 teams will be promoted/relegated each year.

We are aiming for 4-8 teams per regional university league for them to take place. If there are not enough teams entered to form a viable regional university league, we will place teams into their closest league, prioritizing travel distance and competitive standard. The University Finals Day will take place after the leagues have finished and crown a Women’s overall winner, and determine men’s promotion into the University Super League.

The league will be played monthly, with 2 fixtures in each round. There are currently no regional university leagues being organized in N.I., Wales or Scotland due to a lack of team density. If clubs from those areas have an interest in entering a regional university league, they may enter the closest one or email hello@britishdodgeball.com outlining the club’s interest. Once a high enough interest level is reached, we will endeavor to set up leagues in those areas.

Cost: £420/team (7 rounds)

Eligibility: Players may be registered for one university team only + attend that university


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University Events

University Leagues 2019-2020

Venue:
- Stafford
- Manchester
- Aston University
- TBC
- Chelmsford
UNIVERSITY OPENS 2019–2020

University Open Events 2019–2020:
University Freshers Open – TBC, 27th October 2019
South England University Open – TBC, 16th November 2019
East Midlands University Open – TBC, 7th December 2019
West Midlands University Open – TBC, 2nd February 2020
English University Mixed Open – TBC, 23rd February 2020
North England University Open – Manchester, 15th March 2020

Cost: £70/team
Eligibility: No restrictions – players may play for any team
University Freshers Open: Open to players who are in their first year of university only (this does not include course transfers etc.)
Deadline: 2 Mondays prior to each event. Entry will be first come, first served. Further entries will go on a waiting list.

UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019–2020

University Championships – TBC, 4th April 2020

This will be the final university event of the season and should be the highlight event. This event will include a women’s and a men’s category. This is a stand-alone event; no qualification is required.

Cost: £80/team
Eligibility: Players may play for their university team only + attend that university
Deadline: 2 Mondays prior to the event. Entry will be first come, first served + limited to club first & second teams initially. Further entries will go on a waiting list.

FURTHER COMPETITION 2019–2020

University teams are welcome to enter the regional leagues, local leagues or adult opens should they wish for more competition.

#ComeJoinIn
Regional Junior Leagues are being introduced as an alternative to small junior opens in response to the British Dodgeball Club Survey 2019. When asked to feedback about competitions:
- 44% of respondents asked for more local competition.
- 31% of respondents stated that the standard of dodgeball at opens was too high for their club.

We are aiming for 6-12 teams per junior league for them to take place. If enough teams enter a junior league, we will split the league into 2 divisions to ensure teams play opposition of a similar standard. If there are not enough teams entered to form a viable junior league, we will place teams into their closest league, prioritizing travel distance and competitive standard. The league will be played monthly, with 2 fixtures in each round for U11/U14s and 2 fixtures per round for U16s. There will be 2 U11 and U14 junior leagues per year in order to give new teams the chance to enter halfway through a season. The U16 league will initially be capped at 2 teams per club to give all clubs equal chance to enter.

U9’s fixtures will not be organised by British Dodgeball this season due to a lack of team density. U9 players can play in the U11’s league. We welcome clubs to organise their own U9’s competitions if desired; check out the Club Competition Service for more details. There are currently no junior leagues being organized in N.I., Wales or Scotland due to a lack of team density. If clubs from those areas have an interest in entering a junior league, they may enter the closest one or email hello@britishdodgeball.com outlining their club’s interest. Once a high enough interest level is reached, we will endeavor to set up junior leagues in those areas.

Cost: North/Midlands Junior League: £150/team (3 rounds), National Junior League: £420 (7 rounds)
Eligibility: Players may be registered for one club team only
U16 National Junior League: October - May
Deadline: 31st August 2019 (Autumn/Winter League), 15th January (Spring/Summer League)
LOCAL JUNIOR LEAGUES 2019–2020

Local junior leagues are played on an evening each month for approximately 2 hours. Only Greater Manchester will have local junior leagues arranged by British Dodgeball due to team density (U16, U11). Please see the Club Competition Service below which affiliated Clubs can access and get in touch if you’d like to organise your own local league.

JUNIOR OPEN EVENTS 2019–2020

Junior Open Events:
South England Junior Open – Northampton, 28th October 2019
East Midlands Junior Open – Leicester, 16th November 2019
British Junior Open – Nottingham, 5th January 2020
North England Junior Open – Manchester, 25th April 2020
West Midlands Junior Open – Stafford, 23rd May 2020

Each junior open event will include an U11’s and U16’s category.

There are no junior open events organized for U9’s or U14’s, nor are there any junior open competitions in Scotland, N.I. or Wales as we are looking to work with clubs to develop their own junior competitions. Please see the Club Competition Service which affiliated clubs can access and get in touch if you’d like to organise your own competition.

The British Junior Open is slightly more expensive because the venue has extra costs and the event will be juniors-only for the first time ever, without an adult event to support it.

Cost: £50/team (British Junior Open £60/team)
Eligibility: No restrictions other than age – players may play for any team
Deadline: 2 Mondays prior to each event. Entry will be first come, first served. Further entries will go on a waiting list.

ENGLISH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019–2020

English Junior Championships – Liverpool, 14th June 2020

This will be the final junior event of the season and should be the highlight event. Qualifications will all happen through the junior leagues this year for the first time. This will be run as junior-only for the first time, without an adult event to support it.

Cost: £60 per team
Eligibility: Players must play for their league club only. Qualification for this event will happen through the following:

English Junior Championships (U16): National Junior League positions (top 8 teams)

English Junior Championships (U14 & U11): Regional Junior League (Spring/Summer) positions (top 4 teams from north & midlands U11 and U14 league)

Deadline: 2 Mondays prior to the event.
For the first time ever, British Dodgeball are coordinating a National Schools Competition Pathway for the 2019-2020 season. This will involve primary school competition in the regions above, with the top finishers being invited to compete at the National Schools Championships in Manchester in July. Each competition will be run in association with a college, using their Sports leaders to officiate the event, upskilling students and giving them vital experience in sports event management in the process. This will be planned through August and September – please visit our School Events page for more details.

**Cost:** TBC

**Dates:** TBC

**Eligibility:** School pupils in Year 6 and below
The British Dodgeball Home Nations League continues into the 2019-2020 season. The Home Nations League was created to provide a high-performance player pathway in the sport. The first ever Home Nations Dodgeball League will conclude at the end of the 2020-2021 season once all nations have played each other home and away. The Home Nations League is for adult 1st and 2nd teams from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales to compete in mixed, men’s and women’s matches. All matches are open to spectators, with tickets costing £10 (£5 concessionary rate).

5th Oct 2019 – Wales v Scotland in Cardiff
7th Dec 2019 – Northern Ireland v England in TBC (Northern Ireland)
21st Mar 2020 – England v Northern Ireland in TBC (England)
23rd May – Scotland vs Wales in TBC (Scotland)

Cost: £10, £5 concessionary rate, free to British Dodgeball junior members