



## The British Dodgeball Code of Conduct

Dodgeball is an inclusive sport that anyone can play. All those involved in the game at every level, whether as a player, referee, coach, club member, administrator or spectator have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and share a collective responsibility to help provide a positive environment to ensure that the reputation of dodgeball is, and remains, high. This Code applies to all those involved in any dodgeball governed by British Dodgeball.

The British Dodgeball Code of Conduct can be broken down to the following underlying principle:

- Respect

Respect encompasses all standards that players, referees, coaches, club members, administrators and spectators must meet in order to protect the welfare of the game. The well-being of dodgeball depends upon there being high standards of behaviour both on and off the court.

All players, referees, coaches, club members, administrators and spectators competing, refereeing or attending British Dodgeball events are bound by the British Dodgeball Code of Conduct.

British Dodgeball is serious in its commitment to high standards of behaviour amongst all players, referees, coaches, club members, administrators and spectators. Any who breach the code of conduct will be subject to sanctions commensurate with the actions they have taken. British Dodgeball may also feel it is necessary to conduct disciplinary procedures with a player, referee, coach, club member, administrator or spectator as detailed in the policy document "British Dodgeball Sanctions".

The following outlines the types of behaviour that will support a safe, fun and inclusive sport. Play your part and observe the British Dodgeball Code of Conduct.

### Players

- Make a positive commitment to supporting British Dodgeball develop the sport
- Abide by all anti-doping rules and regulations at all times
- Adhere to the rules of the sport as per the British Dodgeball rules and regulations
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Always play to the best of your ability and for the benefit of your team
- Promote fair play – don't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect your team mates, the other team, the referee and the coach or team manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Never engage in public criticisms of the referees
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Be gracious in victory and defeat, shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what your coach or team manager tells you



- Understand that a coach or team manager has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player
- Talk to someone you trust or the club welfare officer if you are unhappy about anything at the club
- Perform your assistant referee duties when required and to the standard expected

A player that does not follow the British Dodgeball Code of Conduct may be subject to any/all of the following actions by your club or British Dodgeball:

- Be required to apologise to team mates, the other team, referees, coaches, team managers or staff
- Be dropped or substituted
- Receive a warning from the coach or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from my club or British Dodgeball
- Not be selected to compete for the team
- Be required to serve a suspension from competing at British Dodgeball events
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the sport
- In addition British Dodgeball could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club

## **Coaches/Team Managers**

- Use your position to set a positive example for the players you are responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game, including referees, opposition players, coaches, managers, British Dodgeball staff and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Respect the referees decision
- Never enter the court without the referees permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities organised are appropriate for the players ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others involved in dodgeball for each players best interests

A coach that does not follow the British Dodgeball Code of Conduct may be subject to any/all of the following actions by your club or British Dodgeball:

- Required to meet with the club or British Dodgeball
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Be required to serve a suspension from coaching at or attending British Dodgeball events
- Be required to leave the club



- Have your British Dodgeball Coaching Qualification withdrawn

## Referees

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the laws of the game and competition rules fairly and consistently at all times
- Manage the game in a confident, calm and positive manner
- Deal with instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Complete the responsibilities of your role as outlined by the referee manager
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- Support your referee colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for each match
- Complete and submit accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which you referee
- Ensure you are up to date with the rules and regulations of the sport and are always looking to develop as a referee
- Wear the official British Dodgeball referee clothing as provided at all times
- Keep your official British Dodgeball referee clothing in good condition for the 2 year cycle and to not modify it, attach anything to it, obscure or deliberately damage it in any way whatsoever

A referee that does not follow the British Dodgeball Code of Conduct may be subject to any/all of the following actions by your club or British Dodgeball:

- Required to meet with the British Dodgeball referee manager
- Receive a warning from the referee manager
- Receive a formal warning from British Dodgeball
- Be required to serve a suspension from refereeing at British Dodgeball events
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the sport
- In addition British Dodgeball could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club

## Spectators

- Respect the referees decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from



- Remain outside of the court and surrounding area and within the designated spectators area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively. When players make a mistake offer them encouragement not criticism
- Never make personal comments about players in a way that could be deemed negative
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

A spectator that does not follow the British Dodgeball Code of Conduct may be subject to any/all of the following actions by your club or British Dodgeball:

- Issued with a verbal warning from your club or British Dodgeball
- Required to meet with the club or British Dodgeball welfare officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to leave the event venue
- Requested by the club not to attend future events
- Be required to serve a suspension from attending British Dodgeball events

## **Staff/Volunteers**

- Use your position to set a positive example for British Dodgeball and the sport
- Show respect to others involved in the game
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Co-operate fully with others involved in dodgeball for each players best interests

A staff member of volunteer that does not follow the British Dodgeball Code of Conduct may be subject to any/all of the following actions by British Dodgeball:

- Required to meet with British Dodgeball
- Be issued a conduct warning
- Be suspended from your role