



New Post-Match Dodgeball Ratings System

British Dodgeball will be trialling a new post-match ratings system at all competitions starting from 1st February 2020. If this proves successful, we will adopt this on to our scorecards in future.

Why are we implementing this system?

The quality of assistant referees and the honesty and sportsmanship shown is extremely important to enjoyment of the sport. People are paying to enter events and deserve as high a quality event as possible. Feedback given in the Dodgeball Survey 2019 shows that players want more importance placed on the Dodgeball Code and further development and improvements in assistant refereeing. We feel that this post-match ratings system should help to address both points.

How does it work?

Before signing the score sheet, team captains and main referees will be asked to rate the quality of 2 specific points on a 3-point scale. These scores will be sent by event coordinators to British Dodgeball staff for processing, and the results made available to the Head of Referees. They will also be made available to the adult and junior rules & disciplinary committees. We will use this data to build a pattern of how assistant referees and teams perform over time in order to support individuals and teams and better govern the sport. We aren't looking to catch anyone out for having one poor performance.

Scoring Criteria

1. Assistant Referees (AR)

Who scores this: Main referees

Who is scored: All assistant referees

3 – Outstanding: *Clear communication, highly engaged, actively assisting main referees*

2 – Good: *Expected standard of communication, engaged, making calls when appropriate*

1A – Needs improvement: *Lack of knowledge of rules*

1B – Needs improvement: *Lack of engagement/communication*

Outcomes of tracking:

- We will get better insight into the quality of assistant refereeing
- Assistant referees will be supported, those not engaging can be monitored

2. Dodgeball Code (DC)

Who scores this: Playing teams

Who is scored: Their opponents

3 – Outstanding: *Showing respect to all, honest at all times, a pleasure to play against*

2 – Good: *Minimum expected standard of adherence to the dodgeball code*

1 – Needs improvement: *Lack of respect to opposition/referees, lack of honesty during play*

Outcomes of tracking:

- We will get better insight into adherence of the Dodgeball Code
- Teams at junior events may be rewarded with sporting spirit awards and adult teams will receive recognition for positive contributions to the sport's culture
- Teams needing improvement can be monitored

What does your team need to do?

AR: Don't worry about the Assistant Referee score – the main referee will do this. Just make sure you are supporting the referees with appropriate input to the best of your ability when assistant refereeing.

DC: After every match, your team captain needs to write your rating for your opponent's adherence to the Dodgeball Code into their signature box.

e.g. <signature> DC3

We know it might be a squeeze for now – if we fully adopt this system, then we'll make sure there's room on the score card. If there isn't room, please put this on the side of the card.

