

BRITISH DODGEBALL

SCHOOL REGULATIONS

24-25 SEASON



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These regulations apply to Schools Championships competitions and any other school competitions under the jurisdiction of British Dodgeball, [full regulations](#) apply where appropriate. These regulations supersede any regarding the same topic in the full regulations.

On the British Dodgeball website, you will find links to British Dodgeballs [Rules and Regulations](#), the [Code of Conduct](#), and other British Dodgeball policies and procedures (together, the "Dodgeball Rules"). All relevant documents can be downloaded from the British Dodgeball website and should be read prior to applying for Membership of British Dodgeball or attending any British Dodgeball events. The Dodgeball Rules govern important issues such as safeguarding, whistleblowing, and social inclusion etc. On becoming a Member or by being present at an event, you and the club committee agree(s) to (i) comply with the Dodgeball Rules; and (ii) ensure that individual members of your club also comply with the Dodgeball Rules when taking part in any dodgeball activity.

Reg 1. Clubs, Teams & Membership

1. To compete in a British Dodgeball schools championship, British Dodgeball club membership is not required.
 - 1.1. Schools may enter teams into community junior leagues and opens. Schools may enter with no active club membership, but are encouraged to get an [Associate Club Membership](#).
2. The Primary School Championship events and the Secondary School Year 7&8 Championship events entries will be limited initially to two teams per school
 - 2.1. Additional teams will be placed on a waiting list
 - 2.2. Should spaces remain when the closing date is reached, spaces will be offered on a first come first served basis to those on the waiting list.
 - 2.3. Team sheets submitted when attending a British Dodgeball event will be held in accordance with the [British Dodgeball privacy policy](#).
3. The Secondary School Year 9&10 Championship events entries will have no entry limits due to it being the first year of running these competitions.

Reg 2. Event Regulations

1. The primary school championships pathway will contain county rounds, regional rounds and a national finals.
 - 1.1. County rounds will typically follow a standard structure, beginning with pre-announced, unseeded groups. When group play has finished, the teams finishing at the top of these groups will progress to the knockout stages. Where entry numbers or other logistics require this, a round robin or alternative format may be used.
 - 1.2. Regional rounds will typically follow a standard structure, beginning with pre-announced, unseeded groups. When group play has finished, the teams finishing at the top of these groups will progress to the knockout stages. Where entry numbers or other logistics require this, a round robin or alternative format may be used.
 - 1.3. National finals will typically follow a standard structure, beginning with pre-announced, seeded groups. When group play has finished, the teams finishing at the top of these groups will progress to the knockout stages.
2. The secondary school championships pathway for year 7/8 will contain regional rounds and a national finals.
 - 2.1. Regional rounds will typically follow a standard structure, beginning with pre-announced, unseeded groups. When group play has finished, the teams finishing at the top of these groups will progress to the knockout stages. Where entry numbers or other logistics require this, a round robin or alternative format may be used.
 - 2.2. National finals will typically follow a standard structure, beginning with pre-announced, seeded groups. When group play has finished, the teams finishing at the top of these groups will progress to the knockout stages.
3. The secondary school championships for year 9/10 will contain regional events.
 - 3.1. A round robin format will be used, where teams play everyone in their group once with final standings being decided by the round robin. An alternative format may be used depending on entries.
4. Qualification for regional and national rounds will work as followed:
 - 4.1. The top team from each county round at primary championships will qualify for the allocated regional round.
 - 4.1.1. Schools can enter more than one county competition but in the event of a team winning more than one event, only one team will progress to the next regional round.
 - 4.1.2. If teams cannot attend on the regional competition date they can request to attend an alternative regional competition. British Dodgeball will consider this request and assess if it is possible.
 - 4.2. A minimum of the top 3 teams from each regional round at primary championships will qualify for the National Finals. More teams may qualify depending on the number of regional rounds run, this will be confirmed when the regional rounds are confirmed.
 - 4.3. A minimum of the top team from each regional round at secondary school 7/8 championships will qualify for the National Finals. More teams may qualify depending on the number of regional rounds run, this will be confirmed when the regional rounds are confirmed.
5. Replacements:
 - 5.1. If any team does not take their place then the place will be allocated to the next best placed team in the county or regional round.

Reg 3. Equipment and Safety

3.1. Official Dodgeballs

1. All dodgeball matches must use British Dodgeball-approved balls:
 - 1.1. Primary School Competitions (U11): Approved size 1 foam dodgeballs will be made of a foam core, covered by a 1mm thick polyurethane outer coating.
 - 1.2. Secondary School Competitions (U13/15): Approved size 2 cloth dodgeballs will be made of a butyl bladder, covered by webbing and a textured no-sting cloth covering which has a 2mm layer of foam directly underneath it.
 - 1.3. Schools are not permitted to use their own balls at events.
2. The correct amount of dodgeball must be used for each age category:
 - 2.1. Primary School Competitions (U11): Three size 1 (6-inch diameter) foam dodgeballs will be used.
 - 2.2. Secondary School Competitions (U13/15): Five size 2 (6.5-inch diameter) cloth dodgeballs will be used, inflated to between 1.6 and 1.8 psi

3.2. Uniforms

1. It is not compulsory for players representing school teams in our events to wear tops of the same colour and design. Players should wear clothing suitable for participating in sport.
2. Ball retriever: Any designated ball retriever should have a top sufficiently different to the playing top of the team they are retrieving for. This will ideally be in a different colour to the team playing top.
 - 2.1. If wearing their team uniform, a retriever should wear something which covers the majority of the majority of their team jersey e.g. a bib or another shirt.
3. No uniform or equipment will be allowed which is deemed dangerous or harmful to the wearer or to other players.
 - 3.1. This includes items worn over the team uniform for the purpose of retrieving e.g. a bib worn around the neck.

3.3. First Aid

1. All players compete in British Dodgeball events at their own risk, and first aid provisions are the responsibility of the school and player.
2. Schools should always have a first aid kit and ice packs available at events.
 - 2.1. Where possible, British Dodgeball will also have a first aider on site.
3. All players, coaches and team/club administrators must follow [British Dodgeball Concussion Guidelines](#) in the case of a head injury. At competitions, this is outlined in [Rule 13.3. Concussions](#).

3.4. Food & Drink

1. No food or drink except water or isotonic sports drink should be brought into or consumed within the court area.
 - 1.1. This includes chewing gum.
2. All individuals should follow venue rules regarding food and drink consumption whilst on-site at events.
3. Children attending events should only eat their own food/lunch
 - 3.1. No packed lunches should contain nuts

3.5. Event Conduct

1. No players or teams are permitted to throw dodgeballs outside of the sports hall (for example in corridors) or alongside games that are taking place in the sports hall where thrown balls may interrupt live matches.
 - 1.1. Players and teams not abiding by this rule will face sanctions.
2. All teams are expected to attend our [Code of Conduct](#)
 - 2.1. [Reg. 7](#) outlines the Sanctions, Complaints and Disciplinary process should a coach, spectator or player break the code of conduct.

Reg 4. Registration

4.1. Competition Registration

1. Entries will be taken through the below forms, and confirmed via email:
 - 1.1. [Primary School Entry Form](#)
 - 1.2. [Secondary Schools 7/8 Entry Form](#)
 - 1.3. [Secondary Schools 9/10 Entry Form](#)
2. Entry Fees for 24/25
 - 2.1. Primary School County Championships are £65 per team to enter.
 - 2.2. Primary School Regional Championships are £65 per team for qualified teams.
 - 2.3. Primary School National Championships are £65 per team for qualified teams.
 - 2.4. Secondary School (Year 7&8) Regional Championships are £65 per team to enter.
 - 2.5. Secondary School (Year 7&8) National Championships are £65 per team for qualified teams.
 - 2.6. Secondary School (Year 9&10) Regional Championships are £65 per team to enter.
3. Refunds & Late Payments: By entering British Dodgeball events, teams are adhering to the British Dodgeball [Refund Policy](#).
 - 3.1. Outstanding Debt: Schools will only be permitted to enter or compete in British Dodgeball events where they have no outstanding debt to British Dodgeball.
4. British Dodgeball reserves the right to refuse entry to any school or academy to any of its competitions.

4.2. Team Sheets & Event Attendance

- The completion of a team sheet is required for each participating team prior to each British Dodgeball event. All team sheets can be submitted via the Google Forms:
 - Primary Schools - [Submit Teamsheet](#)
 - Secondary Schools 7/8 and 9/10 - [Submit Teamsheet](#)
- Teams may register a maximum of 10 registered players at one event.
 - Ball retrievers are included in the squad of 10, teams cannot bring extra players to ball retrieve.
 - Ball retrievers should ideally be players from the competing team, but teams can borrow players from other teams or have adults fulfil this role if necessary.
 - Each team should have 2 retrievers as standard.
 - A minimum of 1 retriever is acceptable.
 - Should team captains both agree in advance of the match and inform a main referee, both teams may use a maximum of 3 retrievers.
 - Any awards, medals or prizes will be limited to 10 per team.
- Teams can have a maximum of 2 coaches courtside.
 - These coaches must remain in the outbox during the match.
 - Any additional coaches must remain outside of the playing area.

Reg 5. Competition Eligibility

5.1. Age Eligibility

- Age Categories: British Dodgeball Schools Championships, 2024-25 season will be focused on three age groups:
 - Primary School - Years 5&6 (U11)
 - Secondary School - Years 7&8 (U13)
 - Secondary School - Years 9&10 (U15)

5.2. Gender Eligibility

- British Dodgeball Primary School Championships are designed to be mixed gender.
 - At the start of a set 2 of the 6 players must be female.
 - Any event-specific changes to this will be outlined in competition literature.
- British Dodgeball Secondary School (Year 7/8) Championship have no specific gender requirements.
 - Any event-specific changes to this will be outlined in competition literature.
- British Dodgeball Secondary School (Year 9/10) Championship are designed to be separate gender.
 - Competitions will feature a women's category and a men's category.
 - Where an event is "men's", female players are permitted to compete alongside male players.
 - Where an event is "women's" only female participants can compete.
 - Any event-specific changes to this will be outlined in competition literature.

Reg 6. Competition Formats

- An official registration time will be set for all British Dodgeball events. All participating players are expected to be at the venue by this time.
 - Should matches fall behind the event schedule, it is each team's responsibility to ensure they are present and prepared to line up at the request of match officials and the event coordinator.

2. Match Time Allowances:

Event Format	Safety Checks, Official Briefings (& Coin Toss)	Match Time	Total Time Allocated
5 sets per match	1 minute	14 minutes to play: <ul style="list-style-type: none">5 x 2 minute sets	15 minutes
6 sets match	1 minute	19 minutes to play: <ul style="list-style-type: none">6 x 2 minute sets1 min half time	20 minutes

3. Competition Scoring:

- 2 table points will be awarded for a match win, 1 table point for a match draw, and 0 table points for a match loss.
- Where teams finish level on table points at the end of all matches in any competition, the following criteria will then be considered in this order:

- The team with the greatest set points for-against difference from all matches will be placed higher.
 - The team with the most match wins will be placed higher.
 - The team with the most set points from all matches will be placed higher.
 - The team with the most table points from any head-to-head matches will be placed higher.
 - The team with the greatest set points for-against difference from any head-to-head matches will be placed higher.
 - The team with the most set points from any head-to-head matches will be placed higher.
 - If two teams are still equally placed, a single set will be played (followed by "overtime" and "sudden death" if necessary), with the winner taking the higher position.
- 3.3. Where groups are uneven, the group with the greater number of teams will have the bottom-placed team's results expunged when determining positions for qualifying.

Reg 7. Sanctions, Complaints & Disciplinary

1. British Dodgeball will be responsible for disciplinary matters.
2. [Rule 16. Violations & Penalties](#) provides an overview of sanctions including turnovers, warnings, penalty sets, yellow cards & red cards; a sanctionable offences list; details of sanctions which can be given to non-players; a section on communication with referees & appeals; and other information.
3. The [British Dodgeball Disciplinary & Complaints Policy](#) outlines the complaints procedure and subsequent disciplinary procedures applicable to all those involved in British Dodgeball competitions, clubs, and activities.
4. Individual schools, coaches, assistant coaches, team managers, players and/or team representatives may be disciplined for breaches of the British Dodgeball Regulations, British Dodgeball Schools Championships regulations and/or the British Dodgeball Code of Conduct.
 - 4.1. Disciplinary action would include official warnings from event coordinators disqualification of a team, or in extreme cases bans on attending future competitions.
 - 4.2. Teams are also responsible for their supporters and failure to control their behaviour could result in similar disqualification.
 - 4.3. Players, coaches, teachers and representatives of the school shall not directly or indirectly approach match officials before, during or after the game to give information or make comment which may be regarded as being intended to influence a match official's judgement or neutrality in any way. Such action will be regarded as serious misconduct and the offender and the school they represent will be subject to disciplinary action.

Reg 8. Filming and Media.

1. For safeguarding reasons schools should only film and photograph their own team/players.
2. Should any schools or individuals film, or distribute content which includes, a junior player who is wearing a wristband which identifies them as having withdrawn consent, they: -
 - o Must immediately cease filming upon being informed by a British Dodgeball representative
 - o Must immediately remove this content upon being informed by the Technical Committee
 - o May be subject to sanctions, including a termination of membership in extreme or repeat circumstances.
3. All footage is classed as data which must be stored in line with British Dodgeball/club privacy policy adhering to GDPR.