

Florida Atlantic University

Dodgeball

- Teams consist of 7 players. *The minimum number of players required at game time to prevent forfeit is 4.*
- All games will take place in the Recreation & Fitness Center. Matches are best of five (5). Each game lasts up to three (3) minutes running time. At the start of each game, 6 balls will be lined up at half court. Players from both teams will be lined up on the end line. When time starts, teams will run to the center court line to retrieve the balls. Play begins as soon as the time starts. Balls may be thrown only after a player retrieves a ball and brings it beyond the designated retreat line. (volleyball ten foot line)
- The object is to throw the ball at the opposing team and contact an opponent. Any person contacted by a thrown ball on the fly is out of the game (deflections off the basket, basketball net, ceiling, wall, another ball or the floor, or player do not count). If a ball is deflected off a player and contacts another player, only the first player is out. **Players who are out cannot be replaced.**
- The losing team is the team with all players eliminated or the fewest number of players when time expires. If both teams have the same number of players at the buzzer, there will be a sudden death overtime.
- Once a player is out, he/she must leave the playing area and stand in the designated area on the sideline on his/her teams' side. If no players from a team are out, a maximum of one player at a time from that team may enter the out of bounds area to retrieve any balls on their side. If more than one player enters the out of bounds while there are no players out, the last player(s) to enter the out of bounds area will be called out.
- The person throwing the ball is out if the ball is caught by an opposing player on the fly.
- If a player attempts to catch a ball in the air and the ball is dropped, the player attempting the catch is out.
- A player may 'block' a thrown ball with a ball already in his/her possession. There is no penalty if the player blocking the thrown ball drops the ball already in his/her possession.
- If a thrown ball comes in contact with an opposing player's head, the person throwing the ball is out. (If a player ducks or lowers their head and the ball hits their head the player contacted will be out. The thrower will remain in the game. This is not considered a "head shot" because the ball was not aimed at the head. In addition, if the ball is deflected off anyone or anything and hits a player in the head, no players are out.)
- The thrower is not out if the ball is caught after deflecting off anything. If an opposing player blocks a thrown ball with a ball in his/her possession, the thrown ball is dead at that point.
- All players are confined to one half of the gym, with their teams' side being bound by the sideline of each basketball court and the back wall. Any player who steps out of bounds will be called out. If a player steps over the center or sideline he/she is out. The only exception to this rule is, as stated above, if there are no players out for a team and one player is seeking to retrieve balls in the out of bounds area on their teams' sideline.
- Once BOTH teams are down to 3 or fewer players, the players may cross the centerline up to the volleyball ten foot line to attack the opponents.

- Delaying the game (i.e. holding all of the balls, standing in the corner) is not allowed. If a player holds a ball for more than **7 seconds**, that player will be called out. Any player deemed to be not actively making an attempt to engage an opponent (hiding to protect players) shall be declared out.
- Only current FAU students and faculty/staff members are eligible to participate. Participants are required to present a current FAU photo ID before each game. Participants should be aware that there is a risk of injury in participation of intramural sports due to the inherent nature of the activity. Individuals participate in intramural sports at their own risk.