

Fitchburg Parks and Recreation Presents...

CO-ED TEEN DODGEBALL

**MAKE YOUR
OWN TEAM!**

Starting Wednesday, April 26, 2017

\$75 a Team

6 Players per Team (+ 4 subs max)

6 Weeks—1 Game a Week

For Players Age 13-18 (Must be in High School)

**Register before
April 13th!**

Dodgeball Team Captain Organizational Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

5:00—6:00 PM

Fitchburg Public Library

Ethnic Heritage Room

Visit www.FitchburgMA.gov/709 for more info!



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Co-Ed Teen Dodgeball League

Team Registration Form

Team Name: _____

Email: _____ Contact Number: _____

TEAM REGISTRATION FEE: \$75.00

Season info: 6 Weeks with one game a week starting on Wednesday, April 26, 2017. Games will be played at Memorial Middle School.

Team Info: An official team consists of six players. A Team roster may have up to 10 members. This is a Co-Ed league. Any ratio of boys and girls may participate. Players must be between the 13 to 18 years of age.

ALL PLAYERS MUST SUBMIT A PLAYER PARTICIPATION FORM. PLAYERS UNDER THE AGE 18 MUST HAVE THE FORM SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN.

Name	Age	Emergency Contact	C& R (REC STAFF)
Team Captain			
Player 2			
Player 3			
Player 4			
Player 5			
Player 6			
Player 7			
Player 8			
Player 9			
Player 10			

Return all forms to Fitchburg Recreation, 301 Broad Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420

REGISTRATION CLOSSES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017

FOR MORE INFO VISIT WWW.FITCHBURGMA.GOV/709



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Teen Dodgeball League Rules and Policies

The Team Captain is responsible for reviewing these rules with all players on the roster. The rules will be strictly enforced.

Fees:

- The fee for the 2016 Teen Dodgeball Season is \$75 per team, payable online or during the Dodgeball organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 2017.
- The Fee is due no later than Tuesday, April 12, 2017. No exceptions will be given.
- There will be no refunds issued after league play has begun.
- A minimum of 4 teams must be registered to hold the league. A Maximum of 8 Teams will be allowed. Registration is first come first serve.

Roster:

- All Players must be at least 13 and not older than 18 before the start of the season.
- Rosters are due to the Recreation Department before the first game or the game will be forfeited.
- This is a Co-Ed League. Rosters are limited to 10 players. Any Ratio of boys and girls may participate. There is no deadline to add a player to your roster.
- All players must submit an acknowledgement of the rules and liability form prior to playing in the league.
- A player may not be on more than one roster.

Team Captains:

- Make sure you have a full team for every game/match. If your team is unable to play please notify recreation by 4:30pm the day of.
- The Captain must handle any disputes. Don't let one of your players face suspension.
- You are responsible for your team and fan conduct. Abusive language, drinking, smoking, litter and other irresponsible acts will not be tolerated.
- Captains are responsible for any contact made between game officials and the other team's captain.
- Know the rules. Make sure all of your players know the rules.

League:

- Leagues will have a 6-week schedule. League schedules will be posted online at www.fitchburgma.gov/709.
- Absolutely no preference will be given for game times and/or facility requests.
- Makeup games: Due to school conflicts (programs in gym, etc.), there may be many times your school site may not be available. Makeup matches will be held at the end of regular season play. Also, games cancelled due to weather will also be made up at the end of the season. This will be noted on the schedule online.
- The team with the best regular season record at the end of play will be declared the champion.

Court:

The game will be played indoors on basketball courts. The basketball court will be divided in 2 equal sections by a center court line. The basketball court will be the boundary lines.

Equipment:

The official game ball will be a 7" or 8 ½" rubber-coated foam balls provided by the Recreation Department. Six Balls will be used for each game. Closed toe sneakers are required. Team uniforms are optional.

Team:

- An official team consists of six players. Team must consist of at least four players to start and finish a round.
- Teams must be ready to play within five minutes of the scheduled game time.
- At the scheduled game time, if one or both teams do not have the required number of players, the team that is short will begin forfeiting rounds. Rounds will be forfeited every five minutes until the team has enough players or 20 minutes elapsed.

Game Play Timing:

- A Game will consist of five rounds in a 30 minute period regardless of if one team wins or loses all the rounds.
- Each round is limited to 5 minutes of play.
- The first team to legally eliminate all opposing players will be declared the winner of that round.
- At the end of 5 minutes if no team has been fully eliminated then the team with the greater number of players wins the round. In the event of an equal number of remaining players at the end of a round sudden death will be implemented. Each team will select two players of their choice to compete for one minute. Two balls will be used for sudden death. The team with the most remaining players wins the round. If there remains an equal number of players after one minute the round is a tie.
- Three 30 second times outs will be allowed per team per game.
 - All time outs must come from the floor.
 - Following the time out the round will resume with an opening rush. (See Round Play)
 - Timeouts will reset the balls to the middle of the court.
- Substitutions are aloud following an injury or timeout. The sub player must be someone who did not start the round.

Round Play:

- A round will begin by placing six dodge balls equally spread out along the center-line of the court. Players then take a position behind their end-line.
- Following a signal by the League Official or an assigned "Starter", teams approach the center-line to retrieve the balls (only one ball per retrieving player). Balls must be brought back to your end-line where you started before you can throw at your opponent.
- It is ok to retrieve a ball and toss or roll it back to a teammate waiting behind the end-line, however, a player may only be touching one ball at a time during the rush. Once both teams bring the balls they collected back to the end-line the rush is over. Failure to take the ball back behind the end-line will result in a dead-ball and that ball being awarded to the other team
- The object of the game is to eliminate all opposing players by getting them "out." This may be done by:
 - Hitting an opposing player with a live thrown ball below the shoulders.
 - If a player is hit above the shoulders with a ball, the thrower is out.
 - Catching a live ball thrown by your opponent before it touches the ground.
- Players may return to the game only if one of their teammates catches a live ball. Players will return to the court in the order they were eliminated, first out, first in.

- A ball that has been thrown, not kicked, and has not touched the floor/ground, an official, or other item outside of the playing field (wall, ceiling, etc.) is LIVE. A ball that makes contact with a player is considered LIVE until it makes contact with one of the above mentioned items.
- You are allowed to block/deflect a ball thrown at you with another ball. If the thrown ball hits any part of the blocking players body during or after the block/deflection that player is out. If a blocked/deflected ball hits a player before hitting the ground/wall/ceiling that player is out as the ball would still be live.
- If you leave your side of the marked court this is considered out of bounds and will count as an immediate elimination. This includes while dodging a ball. The only exception to this rule is when retrieving a dead ball. When retrieving a ball one player may leave the court through the back wall and must return through the back wall. Players cannot be eliminated while retrieving balls.
- Teams are not allowed to stall. In order to reduce stalling, teams cannot control all six balls on their side of the court for more than 10 seconds. This is a self-policing rule that all teams must follow.

Rule Enforcement:

Rules will be enforced primarily by the "honor system". Players will be expected to rule whether or not a hit was legal or whether they were legally eliminated. All contests will be supervised by a game official. The game official's responsibility will be to rule on any situation in which teams cannot agree. This includes rulings on all legal hits, out-of bounds, center court crossings or 10-second violations. ALL GAME OFFICIALS DECISIONS ARE FINAL - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Protests:

- Protests will only be accepted in cases involving use of an ineligible player. Protests of judgment calls will not be accepted.
- Only the team captain may confer with the Game Official regarding a dispute during play. A violation may result in ejection from the round or a forfeit of the entire game.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct:

- No player shall at any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, abuse physically or verbally, or threaten a court monitor, player, teammate, or spectator. Game Officials are required to suspend the player immediately from further play and report such players to the Recreation Director.
- Fighting during league play will automatically result in a suspension of a minimum of three games, including the current game.
- A suspended player shall remain suspended until the Recreation Director has considered the case.
 - Minimum penalty: Suspension from two league games or two weeks, whichever is longer
 - Maximum penalty: Suspension from all recreational activities for the rest of the season and probation for the following year.

Additional Rules of Conduct for Players and Spectators:

- Team Captains are responsible for all players and spectator behavior on his/her team, and they must ensure that the Game Official and the opposing team are always treated with respect.
- No smoking, drinking, or use of foul language is permitted on school grounds. Players suspected of being intoxicated will be asked to leave.
- If a spectator(s) becomes unruly or interferes with the orderly progress of the game, the game shall be suspended until the team whose follower it is, removes that person(s) from the premises. Failure to do so within a reasonable amount of time shall result in forfeiture of the game by offending team.

For any questions about the rules or about the Fitchburg Recreation Department Co-Ed Teen Dodgeball League please contact the Recreation Director at 978-829-1815 or email us at recreation@fitchburgma.gov.