General Rules & Guidelines that all participants should know for IM Dodgeball

- All players must present their own UGA 81# ID Card at every game. Any player not providing his/her own valid UGA 81# ID card will not be permitted to participate.
  - Any player caught violating this rule or any other rules/policies will face the sanctions listed on page 3 of this rule packet.

- A team’s roster may only have 15-players on it for the entire season. Once a player joins a team’s roster on IMLeagues and participates in a regular season game, they are considered to be a part of that team, and cannot switch teams, or be removed from the roster.
  - All players must login to IMLeagues and sign up on a team prior to being eligible to participate.

- Teams will be designated Home (light) or Away (dark), no players are permitted to wear grey.

- Each match will be a best 3 out of 5 games. The first team to win three games will win the match.

- There will be a 30-minute cap on all matches. No new game may begin after 30-minutes. If the match is not complete in 30-minutes the final score will be determined by the number of completed games thus far. Matches can end in a tie during the regular season.

- No dodgeballs will be permitted to be used prior to any matches.

- Any player caught squeezing a ball, intentionally throwing a ball into a wall, or committing any other acts that in the Intramural Sports Staff may cause harm to the dodgeballs or any other Ramsey Center equipment may receive a yellow or red card based on the severity.

- Players may only participate on one same sex team (which include: Fraternity, Men’s Recreational & Men’s Competitive, Women’s Independent & Sorority), and one Co-Rec team.
  - Any player found violating this policy will face a minimum penalty of being ineligible for participation in the league in which the violation took place.
  - All Intramural Participants must meet all eligibility guidelines which can be found in the Intramural Sports Participant Guide at [http://www.recsports.uga.edu/im](http://www.recsports.uga.edu/im)
DODGEBALL RULES

All players must show their UGA Card before every game in order to participate. NO EXCEPTIONS!

1. Teams will be required to wear light (Home) or dark (Away) as listed on the main schedule. No players are permitted to wear grey.

2. No brimmed hats or anything with knots will be permitted.

3. The game starts with 8 players on the court for each team with a maximum of 15 allowed on the roster. A minimum of 5 players are required to start the game.
   a. Co-Rec – A minimum of 5-players are required to start a match, and at no time can the number of males exceed the number of females by 1. The number of females may exceed the number of men by only 1.

4. Balls will be placed at the middle line to start the game. All players must remain at their end line until the whistle blows. All players must stay on their side of the middle line. Players must return the balls past their “volleyball serving line” before throwing a ball.

5. Any player hit with a ball thrown from the opposing team (shoulders and below) will be out (balls that hit the ground first are dead balls). The player must exit the playing field.

6. A player is eliminated if while throwing a ball at an opposing player, it is caught in the air. The throwing player must exit the playing field.

7. Eliminated players must stay in order of elimination along the sideline on their team’s side.

8. If a ball is caught, the first player who was eliminated on the team of the person who caught the ball will re-enter the game.

9. If a thrown ball deflects off a ball in a player’s possession, the ball is dead.

10. A player may only save him/her self. If a ball hits Player X, only Player X may catch the deflection to avoid being out. If this occurs, the person who threw the ball is eliminated.

11. During the match, when there are 4 players or less remaining on the court, the referee shall call OPEN COURT and players may advance anywhere on the court.

12. Whichever team has the last player standing will win the game.

13. The team that wins the best 3 out of 5 games will be declared the winner.

14. Final decisions will be made by the referee.
   a. Referees will have Yellow & Red Cards to use as needed for disciplinary actions or argumentative participants. A yellow card will serve as a warning. Two yellow cards in one match will result in a player ejection. Three Yellow cards in a season will be a minimum one game suspension. If a player receives a red card that player is ejected (red card), he/she will be ineligible to play in the remainder of that match and the next scheduled match, Any player caught violating this rule or any other rules/policies will face the sanctions listed on pages 3-4 of this rule packet.

15. Boundaries:
   a. A player must stay in bounds, which is the area inside the lines that regulate a volleyball match.
   b. Players may only leave boundary area to retrieve a ball. If they do, they must return immediately.
1. Disciplinary Rules
The following suspensions apply for misconduct during Intramural activities:
   a. Ejection
      i. Any participant ejected by any Intramural Sports employee will serve a two (2) game suspension for the
         team from which the athlete is ejected.
      ii. If the ejection is the result of violence or misconduct aimed at any Intramural Sports employee, the
         participant will be suspended indefinitely from all Intramural activities sponsored by the Department of
         Recreational Sports until the participant meets with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports.
   b. Student Identification Card Infraction
      i. Any participant who attempts to partake in any activity by fraudulently using a UGA 81# ID Card will be
         suspended for six (6) months from all activities sponsored by the Intramural Sports Department. The
         rightful owner of the UGA ID Card will also be suspended for six (6) months from all activities sponsored
         by the Competitive Sports Department. The confiscated UGA ID Card can be claimed from the
         Competitive Sports Staff in room 201 Ramsey.

2. Meetings
   a. Purpose: The suspensions listed above are final unless the player meets with the Graduate Assistants for
      Competitive Sports. Meetings will provide players receiving disciplinary suspension the opportunity to present
      grounds for a reduction in the suspension. The Graduate Assistants have full authority to reduce or remove
      suspensions.
   b. Procedure: Meetings can be set up via email with the Graduate Assistants for Competitive Sports
      (imsports@uga.edu)
      i. Meetings will give the player direct contact with at least three members of the Department of Recreational
         Sports. These three members of the department will be all three Graduate Assistants. If a graduate assistant
         is unavailable, a Program Assistant will take their respective place. If a Graduate Assistant is directly or
         indirectly involved in an occurrence that is the subject of the meeting, the meeting will take place between
         the player and another member of the Competitive Sports staff, excluding the Graduate Assistant involved
         in the incident.