DODGEBALL RULES

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

A. UNIFORMS
   a. Teams will be required to wear light (Home) or dark (Away) as listed on the main schedule.
   b. No players are permitted to wear grey.
   c. Brimmed hats or anything with knots are not permitted.

B. TEAMS
   a. Each team is allowed 15 players on their roster.
   b. Each team plays with 8 players on the court at a time.
   c. A minimum of 5 players are required to start the game, and to avoid a default.
   d. In Co-Rec games:
      i. A minimum of 5 players are required to start a match.
      ii. At no time can the number of males exceed the number of females by 1.
      iii. The number of females may exceed the number of males by only 1.

C. THE COURT
   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.

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

E. ELIMINATION
   a. Any player hit with a ball thrown from the opposing team (shoulders and below) will be out, and must exit the playing field.
      i. Balls that hit the ground first are dead balls.
   b. If an opposing player catches a ball in the air, the throwing player is eliminated and must exit the playing field.
      i. 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.
      ii. 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.
   c. Eliminated players must stay in order of elimination along the sideline on their team’s side.

F. DEAD BALLS
   a. Balls that hit the ground first are dead balls.
   b. If a thrown ball deflects off a ball in a player’s possession, the ball is dead.

G. ENDING THE GAME
   a. 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.
   b. Whichever team has the last player standing will win the game.
   c. The team that wins the best 3 out of 5 games will be declared the winner.
H. REFEREES
   a. Final decisions will be made by the referee.
   b. Referees will have Yellow & Red Cards to use as needed for disciplinary actions or argumentative participants.
      i. A yellow card will serve as a warning.
      ii. Two yellow cards in one match will result in a player ejection.
      iii. Three Yellow cards in a season will be a minimum one game suspension.
      iv. 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.
   c. Any player caught violating this rule or any other rules/policies will face the sanctions listed on Page 4 of this rule packet.