



Code of Conduct

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This Code of Conduct aims to set out the minimum standards for anyone involved in our Zany Sports competitions and events. It should apply when playing, spectating or taking part in club-sanctioned activities.

- **DODGEBALL ETIQUETTE**

- **Head shots** are a part and parcel of the game of dodgeball. However it is deemed unsportsmanlike to intentionally aim for the face/head on a repetitive basis or within close range.
 - **Givers:** In the event of a head shot being made it is common courtesy to put the hand up in the air and apologise and in extreme cases run over and check if they are okay. Check in with them again when you shake hand at the end of the game to keep good faith. Penalties apply if you are found head shotting with malicious intent.
 - **Receivers:** In most cases head shots are accidental; most players wish their throws are that accurate. Try not to be too upset with your opponent and accept their efforts to apologise. In the unlikelyhood that you think a player is intentionally gunning for you, please notify your referee immediately so they can apply a penalty if it continues.
- **Players with different fitness & experience levels**
 - Be aware of your own and other people abilities and experience levels and use common sense. If you know you are strong player don't embarrass or overly dominate an inexperienced player. Ego trips aren't cool.
 - Play with consideration against players that are visibly timid, nervous or new to the game e.g. softer throws, lower shots give them a fun game, allow them a chance to understand and learn the different elements of the game that they may not understand yet.
 - Do not throw fast balls at point blank range when people are on the floor
 - Throw low shots at people who wear glasses or are inexperienced
 - Mix up your targets and avoid getting the same player out consecutively (they don't want to be stuck in the outbox the whole game)
- **Honesty & Integrity**
 - Simple one. Go out when you get hit, hair, clothing, or finger it all counts. If the referee missed it, your opposition and spectators may not have. Dishonesty is a stain that can be very hard to wash off, it doesn't just affect you, but your team and our leagues reputation. We pride ourselves on providing a fair playing environment for our players, keep it that way or we will remove you.
- **Self Refing** is when players attempt to make their own calls in their match instead of allowing the referee to do so. This not only discredits the referee but it also places the match into disarray as players can be calling one thing and the referee another which can result in unwanted conflict and perceived bias. Let the referee's do their job -Think you can do better? Contact us and we will train you up and you can experience the game from a different perspective.

- **GENERAL SPORTSMANSHIP**

- ***Players***

- Act within the rules and spirit of the sport.
- Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
- Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviours and skills.
- Support opportunities for participation in all aspects of the sport.
- Treat each person as an individual.
- Show respect and courtesy to all involved with the sport.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- **Respect the decisions of officials, coaches and administrators.**
- Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
- Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free environment.
- Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behaviour.

- ***Officials***

- Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
- Ensure all players are included and can participate, regardless of their race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality or religion.
- Be consistent, impartial and objective when making decisions.
- Address unsportsmanlike behaviour and promote respect for other players and officials.

- ***Spectators***

- Respect the effort and performances of players and officials.
- Reject the use of harassment, bullying or violence in any form, whether by other spectators, coaches, officials or athletes.