

STONEWALL

DODGEBALL

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Head Official Game Checklist and Quick Reference Guide

Pre-Game

- Ensure you have all equipment/balls (whistle, stopwatch, etc.).
- Ensure 3 line refs are in place with whistles.
- Conduct rock, paper, scissor for initial ball control.
- Ensure that player count is accurate (both sides of the court).
- Ensure all players are valid (both sides of the court) and shirts are numbered.
- Announce game start by loudly counting down “3, 2, 1, Dodgeball” and blowing the whistle.

During-Game

- Announce the score between EVERY game loudly and clearly.
- Issue and keep track of yellow or red cards distributed (who they were given and why).
- Announce when teams should switch sides -- approximately 20-minutes into the match.
- Be fair and consistent in your calls and make sure you can back up any call with a rule or policy.
- Announce 5 minute warning when only 5 minutes on game clock remains
- Announce time-outs and keep track of their duration.
- Don't interrupt the game to get any less than two (2) balls from the other side of the court.
- Don't just watch an individual player the entire game. If you catch an individual violating the rules multiple times, yellow card them and focus on the rest of the game.
- Don't tolerate engagement, interference, intimidation from non-captains. Issue yellow cards or red cards appropriately.
- Don't be afraid to blow your whistle or yellow card players in violation of the rules.
- In the event of an on-court dispute, you may pause the current game to discuss the play with the appropriate line referee(s).
- You may issue **brief** rule clarifications or call clarifications to captains between games.

Post-Game

- Issue Glitter Card for sportsmanship (if applicable).
- Submit scores to the Sports Director.
- Setup balls for next game (or return to the Sports Director if last game).
- Conduct debrief with captains.