



2023 Australia Dodgeball Championships

Rules and Regulations

The Australian Dodgeball Championships (previously known as the Australian Dodgeball League) has been the inaugural elite event to find the top teams and players in the country. The competition has been hosted in Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney and includes Mixed Foam, Men's Foam, Women's Foam and Cloth Divisions.

1. Tournament Format:

1.1 Format:

Round Robin with Single Elimination Matches to follow. Round Robin matches will be played to 20 minutes and Single Elimination Matches will be played for 40 minutes.

1.2 Pools:

For the Foam Division's, Teams can expect to be placed into Pools. Pool Breakdown is evenly split and determined by how teams have placed from the completed previous season or by past ADC performance. Teams can expect to play against teams from within and outside their own state.

2. Rules:

ADC is played by WDBF rules, with the exception for timing and timeouts during Round Robins. Highlighted below are the highlighted rules.

2.1 Timeouts:

No Timeouts during Round Robins however they will be allowed for Medal Matches.

2.2 Set End:

For Foam, if there is less than 30 seconds remaining during Round Robins the match will end. For Foam, during Single Elimination Matches, if there is time on the clock a new set will start. For Cloth, if there is less than 90 seconds remaining during Round Robins but more than 30 seconds a final set of 90 seconds will be played. For Cloth, during Single Elimination Matches, a final set will be played if a set ends with less than 90 seconds to play. The duration of this set is 90 seconds.

2.3 Sudden Death:

In the interest of keeping on track with the schedule, there won't be Sudden Death during Round Robins if the Final Set can be determined by the players on court i.e. one team has more players on their side. In the instance there is equal players, another set will begin with the first elimination of a player to determine which team wins. A referee may determine a varied duration for this final set as the tournament requires.

2.4 Scoring:

Teams receive 2 points for a Win, 1 point for a Draw and 0 points for a Loss. Teams are ranked by total points, then point difference.

2.5 Draw:

During Round Robins, a game may end with a draw. During Single Elimination Matches, a match cannot end in a draw. A tie-breaking set will be played out for Foam and Cloth by the WDBF rules.

3. Teams:

3.1 Invitations:

ADC is aimed towards growing Dodgeball within Australia, invites will correspond to State Leagues as they grow Dodgeball within their State and to the capacity of the Host city. Invitations will be communicated in advance, at the previous year's ADC. Invitations suggested ratio is:

- No State League: 1 Invitation per division
- 4 Teams: Top 2*
- 5-6 Teams: Top 3*
- 7+ Teams: Top 4
- *Except for Mens/Womens where the invitations from the state will be equal.

3.1.1 Changes for 2023- QLD to receive an invitation, additional invites to VIC/NSW

3.2 Qualifications:

3.2.1 State Selected Team:

3.2.1.1 Teams can be selected by a State Coach or Rep (eg, WA/QLD/CLOTH)

3.2.1.2 Teams can be selected by a State League Rep (eg, SADL)

3.2.1.3 All State Selected Team lists to be submitted to the ADF prior to the tournament.

3.2.2 State League Qualified Team:

3.2.2.1 All teams that played in the qualifying team qualify for ADC.



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- 3.2.2.2** If there is a roster change and there is a requirement for a player (less than 8 players), a player that is registered to play in the team for the future season can qualify. State Leagues will confirm player registrations with the ADF.
- 3.2.2.3** All Team Lists to be submitted to the ADF prior to the tournament.
- 3.2.3** Substitutes: if a team has enough players (8 players) to meet the team requirement, then no substitutions will be deemed required. Teams can declare any circumstances to the deciding body for special consideration of this rule.
 - 3.2.3.1** FOAM: If teams do not have enough, it is recommended to find substitute players from within their club whose skill level is considered equal to or from a lower division of the club. If this is not an option, then substitutes can be sourced from within the state however the substitute cannot be a previous Australian National Representative unless the player they are substituting for is an Australian National Representative.
 - 3.2.3.2** CLOTH: If teams do not have enough, the Host City will be able to assist with locating substitute players. An Australian National Representative can be a Substitute with approval by the deciding body prior to the tournament.
 - 3.2.3.3** All substitutes must be declared and approved by the deciding body prior to the tournament.
 - 3.2.3.4** If the team cannot field a minimum of four (4) registered players from their original team, they will automatically forfeit from the tournament.