



Australian Dodgeball Championships

Tournament Provisions

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Summary

The Australian Dodgeball Championships (ADC) has been the inaugural elite event to identify the top teams and players in the country. The competition has been hosted in Adelaide, Melbourne, and Sydney and includes Mixed, Men, and Women Divisions in Foam and Cloth disciplines.

Structure

- ❖ **Format:** Round Robins with Single Elimination Matches to follow. Round Robin matches will be played for 20 minutes and Single Elimination Matches will be played for 40 minutes.
- ❖ **Pools:** For the Foam Division, teams can expect to be placed into pools. Pool breakdown is evenly split and determined by how teams have placed in the completed state season or by past ADC performance. Teams can expect to play against teams from within and outside their own state.
- ❖ **Playoffs:**
 - For Foam Mixed, Mens & Womens divisions, the top 8 placed teams will play in a knockout. The format will be 1v8, 2v7 and so on.
 - For the Cloth division, the top 4 teams will play in the knockout. This will be a straight Semi finals with 1v4 & 2v3.

Rules

ADC is played by WDBF rules (<https://worlddodgeballfederation.com/rules/>) including 3:3 for Mixed division, with the exception of timing and timeouts during Round Robins.

- ❖ **Timeouts:** No timeouts during Round Robins; however, they will be enforced for medal matches.
- ❖ **Set End:**
 - For Foam round robin, if there is less than 30 seconds remaining when a set ends, the match will end.
 - For Foam elimination matches, if there is any time on the clock when a set ends, a new set will start.
 - For both Cloth round robin & elimination matches, a final set will be played if a set ends with less than 90 seconds on the match clock. The duration of this set is 90 seconds.
- ❖ **Sudden Death:** In the interest of keeping on track with the schedule, Sudden death will not be enforced during Round Robins if the final set can be determined by the majority of players on court, i.e., one team has more players on their side.

In the instance where there are an equal number of players, Sudden Death will begin, with the first eliminated player ending the set/game and awarding the set win to the other team.

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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 WDBF rules.

Teams

ADC is aimed at showcasing the most elite teams across each state while supporting the development and growth of Dodgeball nationally.

Below are the invitations issued based upon the size and growth of each state or state league in accordance with the team's ranking on completion of the state season (*Please note: these numbers only apply to the Foam format*).

DIVISION/LEAGUE	INVITATION
No Established State League	1 per Division
4 Teams	Top 2
5-6 Teams	Top 3
7+ Teams	Top 4

Qualification

For a team to qualify for ADC, they need to meet the below Qualification & Substitution criteria. Should a team not meet the criteria or choose to forfeit their invitation, it will be offered to the next available ranked team.

State Selected Team:

Teams can be selected by a State Coach or Representative (e.g., WA/QLD/CLOTH), and/or teams can be selected by a State League Representative (VDL, NSWDL, SADL, etc). All State Selected Team lists are required to be submitted to the ADF prior to the tournament.

State League Qualified Team:

All registered players in the qualifying team at their State League in the competition year. All Team Lists to be submitted to the ADF prior to the tournament.

Substitution

For a team to apply for a substitute player/s, they must:

- ❖ **State League Qualified Team:** Have more than three (3) players, and less than eight (8) registered players.
- ❖ **State Selected Team:** Have more than three (3) players, and less than ten (10) registered players.
- ❖ Have declared these substitute/s and have them approved by the deciding body prior to the tournament.

The tournament host should assist in locating a suitable substitute player where a suitable substitute cannot be found within a team's club or state.

Substitute players should initially be sourced from within a team's club and 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.
- ❖ **An Australian National Representative (AR)** player is defined as a player who was selected into the Playing Squad in one of the previous two (2) National Squad programs (i.e. 2019 Cancun & 2022 Edmonton)

Should a team not be able to field the minimum players during the tournament, they will forfeit their place at the tournament.

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