Barwon Dodgeball Association

codes of behaviour

This Code of Behaviour aims to set out the minimum standards for anyone involved in sport. It should apply when playing, training or taking part in club-sanctioned activities.

* Act within the rules and spirit of your sport.
* Promote fair play over winning at any cost.
* Encourage and support opportunities for people to learn appropriate behaviors 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.
* Wherever practical, avoid unaccompanied and unobserved one-on-one activity (when in a supervisory capacity or where a power imbalance exists) with people under the age of 18.
* Display appropriate and responsible behavior in all interactions.
* Display responsible behavior in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
* Act with integrity and objectivity, and accept responsibility for your decisions and actions.
* Ensure your decisions and actions contribute to a harassment-free and safe environment
* Do not tolerate abusive, bullying or threatening behavior.

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 unlikelihood 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 Reffing 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. Players are expected to trust and respect all referees calls. If a call is made that a player disagrees with, the player may approach the referee between rounds to discuss briefly, as to not disrupt gameplay. The dodgeball community is always looking for enthusiastic players to train into referees, please approach your local community leader to talk about becoming referee.

GENERAL SPORTSMANSHIP

Players

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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. o 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.

# Coaches

* Place the safety and welfare of the athletes above all else.
* Help each person (athlete, official, etc.) to reach their potential. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each person and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
* Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
* Ensure that any physical contact with another person is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the person's skill development.

# Administrators

* Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players.
* Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
* Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
* Ensure that any information acquired or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
* Conduct club responsibilities with due care, competence and diligence.
* Declare conflicts of interest to all relevant parties

# Parents

* Encourage your child to participate, do their best and have fun.
* Focus on your child's effort and performance, rather than winning or losing.
* Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
* Help out the coach or officials at training and games, where possible.
* Model appropriate behavior, including respect for other players and officials.