Dodgeball Rules

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- 1) **Uniform**: JEWELRY IS NOT PERMITTED IN INTRAMURAL COMPETITION. It must be removed and may not be worn during the game. A guard, cast, or brace made of hard or unyielding materials is not permitted.
 - a) Must wear athletic soft soled shoes
- 2) **Identification**: All participants **must** present their WyoOne ID card to check in to the game. If he/she does not have their ID and Half Acre is open, a player may go down to the Front Desk and request a "Forgotten ID Slip." Only 3 of these can be used per year.

3) Team Composition

- a) A team shall consist of five players. A game may begin with 3 players, if a team has fewer than four players.
- b) In Co-Rec
 - i) Teams can be 2 males and 2 females
 - (1) Can also be 3 females and 1 male
 - (2) Cannot have more males than females
- 4) **The Game:** Each game will have a 5-minute time limit
 - a) Matches will be decided by a best-of-five game format.
 - b) The first team to eliminate all opponents will be declared the winner of the game.
 - i) If time expires, the team with the most players remaining will be declared the winner.

ii) If, at the end of regulation time, both teams have an equal number of players, an overtime period will be played.

5) The Game

- a) Will be played in the boundaries of a volleyball court.
- b) Each team will start with 1 foot on the centerline.
 - i) 2 dodgeballs will be on the back line for each team
- c) The captains will count down from 3 and
 - i) 3-2-1-Go
- d) Once play begins, players may **not** run, slide or jump across the center line to retrieve a ball.
- e) Any ball that hits a wall or ceiling is considered dead. The ball cannot cause anyone to be out until it is picked up and thrown again.
 - i) Players may use the ball to block thrown balls.
 - (1) Thrown ball becomes dead as soon as it is blocked.

6) Players

- a) A player is out if:
 - i) they throw a ball that is caught by the other team
 - ii) they get hit by a ball thrown by the other team (If a player catches a ball after deflecting off a teammate, only the player who threw the ball is out)
 - iii) They hit another player above the shoulders (No head shots)
 - iv) They cross the centerline
- b) A player is **NOT** out if:
 - i) Their ball is caught off the wall or ceiling
 - ii) They get hit above the shoulders (unless bending down lower than shoulder height)
- c) Once a player is hit and is out, they must stand against their team's back wall
- d) Players can exit the court during play ONLY to retrieve balls and must return inside the court to legally throw a ball.