

# 2019 GeekWire Bash Dodgeball Tournament Official Rules

**These rules are subject to change. The current rules will be available at [geekwire.com/bash](http://geekwire.com/bash) and at the event site on March 7.**

— Teams consisting of 8 players (four men and four women) will face off in timed matches. Play ends when all members of one team are eliminated. If time expires, the team with more players on the court wins the game. If teams are even at the end of regulation, sudden death begins immediately, and the next team to eliminate a member of the other team wins the game.

— Players must start with one hand touching the back net and retrieve balls from the middle of the court. Players may be eliminated from the start of the game - there is no ball retrieval protection or grace period.

— There will be no substitutions.

— A player is eliminated from the match if they are hit by a ball, or if their ball is caught by the opposing team before it touches the ground.

— A ball that contacts the side or back net is live and can eliminate players - however, catching a ball off the net does not eliminate the thrower.

— If a ball contacts a player and a teammate catches the ball before it hits the ground, the thrower is eliminated and the first player contacted remains in the game.

— Shots above the shoulders on a defenseless player do not result in elimination. However, if the player is ducking or attempting to dodge, and is contacted above the shoulders, they are eliminated.

— You may use a ball to block other balls, and the hand is considered an extension of the ball. That means if the hand is hit while holding a ball, the player remains in the game.

— A player may re-enter from the bench if a teammate catches an opponent's ball.

— A referee will officiate the matches. If your full 8-person team is not available at the start of the match, you will start with the players present.