



# Community Engagement Package

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## The Story Behind VDL

The Vancouver Dodgeball League (VDL) is a fusion of fun and spirit for the community to partake in. Run entirely by volunteers who love the sport and are passionate to share it, we seek to foster new teams and friendships while promoting both recreational and high-level competition.

Founded in 2004 by Kevin Bao, VDL began by hosting miscellaneous drop-in nights and tournaments. Twelve players attended the first drop-in, and a few months later, that number swelled up to 120 people playing in tournaments. VDL began offering league play in Spring 2006, and thus Season 1 began, providing a permanent home to avid dodgeball fans. The league has grown immensely in the past years. It now has over 200 teams, 2000+ players, played across 4 nights a week, including subsidiary leagues in Coquitlam (CDL), Richmond (RDL), Chilliwack (The Wack) and is constantly expanding.

The integrity of dodgeball depends on each player's responsibility to have a positive attitude and great sportsmanship, individually and as part of a team. However, that doesn't mean VDL discourages high levels of competition. VDL celebrates excellence in sports, but it should never be at the expense of the mutual respect amongst players, adherence to the agreed upon rules of the game, or the basic joy of play. Actions such as taunting opposing players, dangerous aggression, arguing with referees, not congratulating the other team after a hard fought match, or other "win-at-all-costs" behavior are contrary to dodgeball's spirit and must be avoided.

Today, VDL continues staying true to its mission to advancing the sport of dodgeball and building the fun and community. By being a non-profit organization, the league prides itself on giving back to its players and to the greater community. VDL looks forward to maintaining and expanding its continuous service for years to come.

## What We Provide

The Vancouver Dodgeball league wants to help you put on a successful event! Whether you just want to rent balls or you want us to help host the event, we will work together to ensure you are happy with everything.

### Event Types

We classify the types of events you can hold into two categories: **Tournament** and **Open Dodgeball**

A Tournament would be considered an elimination style event which requires a full set of referees to watch over the games. Typically a tournament will consist of a Round Robin, followed by a Single or Double Elimination playoff afterwards.

An Open Dodgeball event would be similar to what we consider a drop in. This would be ideal for smaller groups so players can play at their own pace in a casual, less competitive environment.

## Supplies

Below is what VDL can provide for all events:

- Ball bag(s) - includes 2 sets of VDL-approved balls, boundary lines, first aid kit, ice packs
- Rule Demonstration
- Referees (number will vary depending on the size of the tournament)
- Event Schedule
- Tournament bracket

If you have your own equipment or want to setup your own schedule, that's okay too! We will still be happy to help wherever you need us to ensure your event is a success!

## What We Ask from You

### Venue

You will need to have a venue booked for your event. An ideal venue would be a closed gym with enough room for at least two dodgeball courts (dimensions for each court 58'x30'). With that being said, there have been cases where people have had outdoor tournaments as well. We are also able to run tournaments outdoors (beach or grass) if that's what is requested. If you're not sure of where to start in terms of looking for a place to play, we are happy to offer some advice and recommendations.

### Teams

You as the organizer of this tournament will be responsible for the team registration. To have a successful event, we would recommend having a minimum of 3 teams participating.

### VDL Shout Out

We want to spread our love for dodgeball as much as we can! In return for helping out, we simply ask that the Vancouver Dodgeball League gets mentioned in any communications with your audience. On the day of the event, we would like to have a place to display our banner, in addition to having a short moment to thank you and the participants for having us there!

### Rule Video Distribution

To make things easier for everyone, please distribute our [VDL Rule Video](#) to all participants of the event well in advance. Give everyone ample time to learn the rules! The rule video is a fantastic way

to have people familiarize themselves with our style of dodgeball. The better everyone understands the rules, the more fun everyone will have.

## Respect

At the end of the day, we are all volunteers who are there because of our love for the game of dodgeball and our passion for building community. VDL will not tolerate disrespect or unsportsmanlike behaviour towards any of their volunteers and reserves the right to decline and/or terminate services to the offender at any time.

## Pricing

Fees charged by the Vancouver Dodgeball League may be applied as a credit towards registering one or more teams for the upcoming VDL season. If you do choose to register multiple teams, you may split this credit among a maximum of 3 teams. If the season is sold out or already in session, the credit will need to be applied to the following season. This credit will expire one year from your event's date. Our seasons typically run from February to May and October to December.

# of Courts	Tournament			# of Courts	Open Dodgeball		
	2-3 Hours	4-5 Hours	6 Hours		2-3 Hours	4-5 Hours	6 Hours
<b>2 Courts</b> (min 8 refs)	\$300	\$400	\$500	<b>2 Courts</b> (min 4 refs)	\$180	\$240	\$300
<b>3 Courts</b> (min 12 refs)	\$450	\$550	\$650	<b>3 Courts</b> (min 6 refs)	\$270	\$330	\$390
<b>4 Courts</b> (min 16 refs)	\$600	\$800	\$1,000	<b>4 Courts</b> (min 8 refs)	\$360	\$480	\$600

This fee can be paid via **cheque** or using Paypal's **Send money to friends or family** option. If by cheque, please make it out to The Vancouver Dodgeball League. If you decide to send money using Paypal, please send it to [info@vdlodgeball.ca](mailto:info@vdlodgeball.ca) with a note stating the date of your event along with your organization name.

Distribution of the credit must be managed by the organization's point of contact. Your point of contact can then communicate with the VDL Programs coordinator regarding who the teams registering will be.

## About the Game

For a brief instructional video on how to play VDL dodgeball, please click [here](#).

VDL's brand of dodgeball encourages inclusiveness and teamwork, which means anybody AND everybody can play.

The average size of a dodgeball court is comparable to a volleyball court. We can also accommodate different court sizes.

Games do not have a time limit - instead the game ends once all the members of the opposing team have been hit "out".

## Let's Do it!

Like what you've read so far? Please fill out our [Event Request Form](#) to get started with planning your event! If you have any questions, feel free to email our Programs team at [programs@vldodgeball.ca](mailto:programs@vldodgeball.ca) if you have any further questions or would like to setup a meeting to discuss your event.