



UK DODGEBALL
ASSOCIATION

CLUB LED

LINK

COMPETITIONS

Through this document we aim to provide you with a guide to delivering a successful club link dodgeball competition for schools in your local area

Planning your event

Age group: We are focusing all our junior events on under 11's and under 13's. You can plan your event for 1 or both of these age groups.

Tournament Date: Speak to the teachers – avoid clashing with exams or other large sporting events. Think about how much lead up time you are going to need.

The Venue: Think about what the most suitable venue is going to be: location to schools, cost, availability, size, you're probably going to need to set up 2 courts. This could be a local leisure centre or school site.*

**Using your own club venue provides the children with an idea of what the club looks like already*

Advertising: Speak to your local School Games Organiser 'SGO' about which primary and secondary schools are in your local area and how to advertise the competition to them. If you don't know who this is contact the UKDBA as we will be able to put you in touch with the right person. Use taster sessions, posters, social media, club and UKDBA website.

Personnel: Ideally you will get as many club members as possible to attend the event to promote the club and the sport at the same time as volunteering. The other option would be school leaders and it's always worth asking if they are available as refereeing, score keeping or being line judges at an event is valuable experience for them.

How strict are the referees going to be on rules – remember this isn't an elite competition and the aim is to ensure everyone has an enjoyable experience and goes away wanting more.

Competition Format: *There are a few things to consider when hosting a competition, such as maximum and minimum number of teams, duration of the competition, how many matches each team is going to play, whether they are best of 3 or best of 5 and the format (round robin or knockout).*

Game score between Panthers & Badgers

**Best of 3 matches
2 points for a game won**

Group Table Example

	Panthers	Badgers	Tigers	Wolves	Total Points
Panthers		3	2	2	14
Badgers	0		1	2	6
Tigers	1	2		3	12
Wolves	1	1	0		4

1st

3rd

2nd

4th

Panthers & Tigers qualify for the knockout stage



Equipment *Make sure you have the correct dodgeballs for the age group. If you need to mark out courts at the venue make sure they are the correct size.*

Health & Safety

Things to consider are:

- *Risk assessment,*
- *Club insurance*
- *DBS Checks for volunteers*
- *Safeguarding for volunteers*
- *First Aider present*

Entries

How are teams going to sign up? They could contact someone at the club and provide details, fill in a form and send to the club secretary or you could use the UKDBA website to set up an online entry system.

Remember there are differences in rules and equipment from adult dodgeball.

Downloadable rules can be found in 'The Sport' page of the website in the home section.

If the event is well planned all you have to do now is look forward to the big day.

On the day

Some things to consider:

- *Who is going to represent the club on the day?*
- *Who is welcoming the teams in?*
- *Where do coats and bags go?*
- *Are drinks permitted in the hall space?*
- *Are photos to be taken? (has permission been sought)*
- *Are you handing out medals/trophies/certificates?*
- *Are you having a winning team?*
- *Are you having Positional playoff games?*
- *Where do players go when they are not playing?*
- *What signs do you need? Court A/Court B/Toilets*
- *Are you handing out club leaflets/flyers to advertise your club to each player/school?*

A fantastic event delivered. Everyone going home with a smile on their face and wanting more.

After the event

Some things to consider:

- *Who is going to run the club junior section?*
- *What is the most convenient day and time of week?*

