

Austrian Dodgeball League 2023/24

Regulations

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Austrian Dodgeball League (ADBL) 2023/24 will be played in 6 Competitions.

- 1st League: Mens, Womens, Mixed
- 2nd League: Mens, Womens, Mixed

5 competitions will be played with 3 Gamedays + Finals.

1 competition will be played with 1 Gameday + Finals (Women 2nd League).

The League will be played with current EDF-Rules.

First League will be played with 6 players on court, Second League will be played with 5 players.

The Leagues consist of the following number of teams:

League	Men 1st	Women 1st	Mixed 1st	Men 2nd	Women 2nd	Mixed 2nd
No. of teams	5	6	8	4	3	7

How often do teams play each other:

League	Men 1st	Women 1st	Mixed 1st	Men 2nd	Women 2nd	Mixed 2nd
No. of times vs. each team	2x	1,4x*	1x	2x	1x	1x
Ø No. Of Games per GD	2 or 3	2 or 3	2 or 3	2	2	2 or 3

*Teams in the Women 1st League play each other once over the first 2 gamedays. On gameday 3, the teams positioned 1st, 2nd and 3rd only play each other for positioning as well as the teams positioned 4th, 5th and 6th only play each other for positioning. Whatever points are achieved on gameday 3, the teams positioned 1st, 2nd, 3rd can not drop further down, as well as the teams positioned 4th, 5th and 6th cannot climb higher than 4th in the table.

2. REGULAR SEASON

All above mentioned games will be played during the 3 regular season game days.

If a team doesn't show or can't provide the minimum number of players (4), the game will be forfeited 30-0 and not played at a later date.

3. FINALS

The final positions in the respective tables will determine the starting positions in the finals.

ALL TEAMS will be qualifying for the Finals.

FINALS will be played on 2 days for all competitions. Meaning, teams need to be available on both days.

All 1st place games will take place on Sunday, may 12th.

3.1 Men's 1st League Finals

All 5 Teams will qualify.

1 Play-In Quarterfinal will be played (4th vs 5th). The winner advances to the Semi-finals, the loser is 5th. After that, Semi-finals, 3rd Place Game and the Final will take place.

3.2 Men's 2nd League Finals

All 4 Teams will qualify.

All Teams will have at least 2 Games.

Semi-finals, 3rd Place Game and Final will be played.

3.3 Mixed 1st League Finals

All 8 Teams will qualify.

All Teams will have at least 2 Games.

4 Quarterfinals will be played. The winners advance to Semi-finals, the losers play each a play-off and then a positioning game to determine all places 5th – 8th. After that, Semi-finals, 3rd Place Game and the Final will take place.

3.4 Mixed 2nd League Finals

All 7 Teams will qualify.

All Teams will have at least 2 Games.

3 Quarterfinals will be played. The winners advance to Semi-finals, the losers play a Round Robin (2 games each for 5th, 6th and 7th). After that, Semi-finals, 3rd Place Game and the Final will take place.

3.5 Womens 1st League Finals

All 6 First League Teams will qualify.

All Teams will have at least 2 Games.

2 Quarterfinals will be played. The winners advance to Semi-finals, the losers play game for 5th place. After that, Semi-finals, 3rd Place Game and the Final will take place.

3.6 Womens 2nd League Finals

All 3 First League Teams will qualify.

2nd and 3rd place play a Semi-final. 1st is automatically in the final.

4. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

4.1 First League

Players must be at least 16 years of age.

Players can only play for 1 Team per Gameday.

4.2 Second League

Players must be at least 12 years of age.

Players can only play for 1 Team per Gameday.

Players between the ages of 12 and 16 need written parental approval for taking part in the league. This written approval must be available at the gamedays, if requested by Dodgeball Austria.

A certain number of players are not eligible for Second league. This is the former "National Team Player Rule". This list will be provided to all participating teams by Dodgeball Austria, no later than 3 days before the first Gameday. This list might also include players that are no longer active, but need to be included in the case they might return to the sport.

4.3 Gender Rules

As per the new EDF rules, people can play in each gender division based on how they interpret their gender.

Furthermore, all MEN Competitions are viewed as "Opens", so there is no gender-restriction in those competitions.

4.4 Foreign Players in Austrian Club Teams

This Rule only applies to Austrian Club Teams.

In Case an Austrian team wants to use one or more players, that is/are clearly not an Austrian resident, this is technically possible, but needs to be requested to and approved by Dodgeball Austria no longer than 3 days before each gameday. Also, Dodgeball Austria might deem this player not eligible for second league. This will be handled on a case-to-case basis.

5. COOPERATION CLUBS

Each Gameday will be hosted by a cooperation club. The Information, which club is responsible for which gameday will be provided by Dodgeball Austria no longer than 3 days before the first gameday.

This club needs to provide at least 6 people, that are at the venue, no later than 30minutes before the communicated Start of the Gameday.

Duties: Setting up the courts, setting up the Referee Materials, preparing the Balls.

6. REFEREES

6.1 Main Referee

Each Gameday, Dodgeball Austria tries to provide 3 Main Refs, that are not players on that gameday. However, the current situation is difficult at the moment, therefore it can happen, that there are not 3 separate Main Refs available. In this case, the slotted Assistant Referee Team also needs to provide a Main Referee for the allocated game.

6.2 Assistant Referees

Assistant Referee Teams must consist of 4 people. In case there is no Main Referee available, they must consist of 5 people.

Duties:

1st Assistant Referee: Managing Game-Time and Score on Field.

2nd Assistant Referee: Managing Game-Time and Score for Stream.

3rd Assistant Referee: Managing Lines and Helping the other Refs with decisions.
4th Assistant Referee: Managing Lines and Helping the other Refs with decisions.
(5th Assistant Referee: Being MAIN REFEREE, in case there is no Main Referee available)

7. COMMUNICATION

7.1 Internal Communication

All internal communication between the organisers and the participating teams will mainly be done via the WhatsApp Group "Austrian DB League 23/24".

7.2 External Communication

All external communication (like Results etc.) will happen via the website (dodgeball.at), Facebook (Dodgeball Austria) and Instagram (@dodgeballaustria).

8. MEDIA

All Games will at least be recorded, but the aim is to have all games livestreamed.

Those Games will be publicly available on YouTube and the Austrian Dodgeball Website (dodgeball.at).

In addition, Clips, Pictures and other forms of Media will be distributed through Dodgeball Austria Social Media Channels.

9. PLAYER REGISTRATION

Due to multiple reasons (media laws, governmental sporting regulations for the road to national recognition) we will have again a player registration in place, that is necessary for ALL participating players.

This needs to be filled out once for and by each player individually, to be able to take part in the league.

10. ANY FURTHER REGULATIONS

Dodgeball Austria will hold to right, to adapt, adjust or expand these rules, if it deems it necessary also throughout the season.