

BRITISH DODGEBALL

2020/21

ADULT COMPETITIONS GUIDE



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INTRODUCTION

WELCOME TO OUR 20/21 ADULT COMPETITIONS GUIDE. WE ARE MAKING SOME CHANGES FROM THE 19/20 ADULT COMPETITION CALENDAR TO ENSURE WE GIVE YOU THE BEST POSSIBLE AND SAFEST DODGEBALL EXPERIENCE IN THE WAKE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. READ ON FOR MORE DETAILS!



CLUB & INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP AND PLAYER REGISTRATION

Clubs need to register with us as club members to participate in our national and regional leagues. There are two levels of membership, standard and premium. Both memberships offer clubs a wide range of benefits and discounts, whilst the premium membership also includes public liability insurance. You will be able to do this on the [club membership page](#).

Individuals can choose to get [British Dodgeball membership](#) in order to have a say on the direction we develop the sport in, get voting rights at our AGM and get discounted products. Other sports demand you purchase a membership in order to play - we prefer to give you the option to support us.

All of your club players will need to register with us in order to be able to play in any competition. They can register on our [Playing Registration](#). Any players aged 15+ who are competing in both adult and junior events need to complete both an [adult](#) and a [junior](#) registration form.

The player registration system provides us with a valuable insight into dodgeball participation in the UK. All data is stored and used in line with our Privacy Policy, available to view at the foot of our website.

Please ensure you make this clear to your players; if any players are found to be playing without the necessary registration then our rules & regulations state that the team they played for may be sanctioned.

ADULT LEAGUES & EVENTS

Due to receiving approval in all four home nations for our Return to Play in dodgeball we are pleased to be in a position to advertise our 2020/21 season. In March 2020 when the sport was abruptly halted the understanding by all of how to operate safely within a pandemic was limited. Now however we are confident that as long as we all as a community consistently follow the guidelines then the season will be able to go ahead as planned.

We will be making changes from the past in order to safely operate our leagues and events and provide our members with many opportunities to play the game.

Our 2020/2021 season will once again feature regional leagues, national leagues, mixed leagues and opens.

Most of the changes have been summarised below. What you don't find will be updated on the website over the coming days and weeks.



- In order to enable our national leagues in England to expand we are introducing a North and South league 2. These leagues will take place in Sheffield and Bracknell respectively.
- The national leagues in England will welcome a maximum of 12 teams due to no relegation taking place in the 2019/20 season. Teams in these leagues will play up to 3 rounds on some league dates.
- Our Open events will have reduced maximum entry numbers due to the additional regulations we will be introducing as part of our return to play.
- Each event will have additional staff and detailed Covid safe regulations that must be followed to ensure the safety of the participants and our staff
- A Foam Open Series will be introduced to provide more opportunities for those wishing to participate in this new format of the sport in the UK.

ADULT NATIONAL LEAGUES

NATIONAL LEAGUES

The English National Leagues will be held at St George's Park Burton, and will run for a total of 9 rounds.

Dependent on entries the leagues taking place at SGP in the 2020/21 season will be:

- Women's Super League
- Women's League 1
- Men's Super League
- Men's League 1

The Irish National Leagues will be held at Queen's University Belfast and will run for a maximum of 7 rounds of the 9 dates available. The first round will not be before December 2020.

Dependent on entries the leagues taking place in Belfast in the 2020/21 season will be:

- Women's Super League
- Men's Super League
- Men's League 1

The Scottish Super League will be held in Dundee and will run for 4 rounds. All league dates will be after the New Year.

In the 2020/21 National Leagues the Welsh community clubs will be invited to enter the English based North & South National Leagues. The Welsh University clubs are begin provided the opportunity to participate in University only leagues as we prepare for BUCS next season.

NORTH & SOUTH LEAGUES

The North League will be hosted in Sheffield and will run for a total of 7 rounds.

Dependent on entries the leagues taking place in the North in the 2020/21 season will be:

- Men's North League 2

The South League will be hosted in Berkshire and will run for a total of 7 rounds.

Dependent on entries the leagues taking place in the South in the 2020/21 season will be:

- Men's South League 2



MIXED LEAGUE

The Mixed Super League and League 1 will take place over 7 rounds in Stafford.

ADULT REGIONAL REGIONS

ABOUT

The regional leagues in 2020/21 will provide a welcome opportunity for competitive dodgeball within a localised region. The flexibility of the leagues will depend on the entry numbers. Regions may operate a separate men's and women's league, operate just the 1 league or have multiple divisions. We want to ensure our regional leagues are open to all and teams are given the opportunity to compete against others of a similar standard.

If there are not enough teams entered to form a viable regional league, we will offer teams the chance to enter their next closest league, prioritising feedback from teams, travel distance and competitive standard.



LEAGUE LOCATIONS

We are finding it very difficult at present to confirm all our desired venues for the 2020/21 season. The following locations are where we intend to host our regional leagues:

- North East - Newcastle
- North West - Merseyside
- Yorkshire - Sheffield
- W.Midlands - Birmingham
- E.Midlands - Leicester
- South East - Essex
- South - Southampton
- South West - Taunton

AUT/WIN - SPR/SUM

There will be 2 leagues per year in order to give new teams the chance to enter halfway through a season, the Autumn/Winter league and the Spring/Summer league. Regional Leagues are open to entry from both community and university dodgeball clubs/teams

ENTER AN ADULT LEAGUE OR EVENT

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SIGN UP NOW!

To enter one of our National, Regional or Mixed leagues please complete the relevant form below.

- [National League Entry Form](#) - Deadline 31st October at midnight.
- [Regional League Entry Form](#) - Deadline 12th October at midnight.
- [Mixed League Entry Form](#) - Deadline 26th October at midnight.

LEAGUE COSTS

The overall cost of a team's national league entry will be dependent on the league they participate in and the number of rounds and matches provided. British Dodgeball will be taking on additional costs to hire venues for longer, add additional staff and ensure our leagues are Covid safe. Although we are taking on additional costs we have made the decision that there will be no increase in the cost per match at our national leagues from the 2019/20 season. In England this was £32.50 and Northern Ireland £30 per match.

Mixed and Regional League costs will be £30 per match.

ENTER AN ADULT OPEN

SIGN UP NOW!

You can enter an adult open via the [shop section on the website](#). All information will be available on the website page, including the entry deadline. Please be aware that due to venue availability a lot of these events have not yet gone live.

ADULT OPEN ENTRY COSTS

Payments for entries into adult opens will be taken at the time of entry. You can email ben@britishdodgeball.com to discuss your financial situation if required. The overall cost of a team's open entry will be **£70 - £80** dependent on the individual event and can be paid via the website.

Please view our [refund policy](#) for details on cancelled events or entries.



ADULT CALENDAR

REGIONAL LEAGUES R1 A/W	17/18 OCT 2020	FOAM OPEN SERIES 2 Nottingham/Derby	03 JAN 2021
ADULT OPEN	24 OCT 2020	MIXED LEAGUE 3 Stafford	09 JAN 2021
REGIONAL LEAGUES R2 A/W	31 OCT/01 NOV 2020	NATIONAL LEAGUE 3 SGP / Queen's	16 JAN 2021
MIXED LEAGUE R1 Stafford	07 NOV 2020	NORTH/SOUTH LEAGUE R2 Sheffield & Berkshire	17 JAN 2021
ADULT OPEN	08 NOV 2020	NATIONAL LEAGUE 4 SGP / Queen's / Dundee	30 JAN 2021
NATIONAL LEAGUE 1 SGP	21 NOV 2020	NORTH/SOUTH LEAGUE R3 Sheffield & Berkshire	31 JAN 2021
REGIONAL LEAGUES R3 A/W	28/29 NOV 2020	MIXED LEAGUE R4 Stafford	06 FEB 2021
FOAM OPEN SERIES 1 Manchester/Liverpool	29 NOV 2021	REGIONAL LEAGUES R1 S/S	13/14 FEB 2021
NATIONAL LEAGUE 2 SGP / Queen's	05 DEC 2020	FOAM OPEN SERIES 3 Birmingham	14 FEB 2021
NORTH/SOUTH LEAGUE R1 Sheffield & Berkshire	06 DEC 2020	MIXED LEAGUE R5 Stafford	27 FEB 2021
REGIONAL LEAGUES R4 A/W	12/13 DEC 2020	NATIONAL LEAGUE 5 SGP / Queen's / Dundee	06 MAR 2021
MIXED LEAGUE R2 Stafford	19 DEC 2020	NORTH/SOUTH LEAGUE R4 Sheffield & Berkshire	07 MAR 2021

**Event dates and venues subject to change.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE 6 13 MAR
SGP 2021

MIXED LEAGUE R6 20 MAR
Stafford 2021

REGIONAL LEAGUES R2 10/11
S/S APR 2021

FOAM OPEN SERIES 1 11 APR
Manchester/Liverpool 2021

NATIONAL LEAGUE 7 17 APR
SGP / Queen's / Dundee 2021

NORTH/SOUTH LEAGUE R5 18 APR
Sheffield & Berkshire 2021

MIXED LEAGUE R7 24 APR
Stafford 2021

NATIONAL LEAGUE 8 25 APR
SGP / Queen's 2021

REGIONAL LEAGUES R3 1/2 MAY
S/S 2021

FOAM OPEN SERIES 2 2 MAY
Nottingham/Derby 2021

NATIONAL OPEN 08 MAY
Scotland 2021

NATIONAL OPEN 09 MAY
England 2021

NORTH/SOUTH LEAGUE R6 15 MAY
Sheffield & Berkshire 2021

NATIONAL LEAGUE 9 16 MAY
SGP / Queen's / Dundee 2021

NATIONAL OPEN 22 MAY
Wales 2021

BRITISH OPEN 29/20 MAY
Birmingham 2021

REGIONAL LEAGUE R4 5/6 JUNE
S/S 2021

FOAM OPEN SERIES 3 06
Birmingham JUNE 2021

NORTH/SOUTH LEAGUE R7 12 JUNE
Sheffield & Berkshire 2021

NATIONAL OPEN 19 JUNE
Northern Ireland 2021

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS 26 JUNE
2021

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FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

DODGEBALL IS NOT JUST ABOUT COMPETITION!

Our sport brings opportunities to develop as a coach or referee, the opportunity to volunteer as a media officer, to run social events with your club, and to connect and create relationships with local schools and the community. By working with clubs, we can create a smooth development pathway for players and coaches, and ensure the long term sustainability of the sport.



COACH EDUCATION

We highly recommend that all clubs have at least one Level 2 trained dodgeball coach per team. This helps to ensure that safe, high quality sessions are organised. As a club member, you can [sign up to one of our coaching courses](#). If you are interested in a course but there isn't one currently scheduled in for your area, please [register your interest](#) and a member of our team will get in touch when a course is available in your location.

BECOME A MEDIA OFFICER

Our Social Media Manager, Alex Such, is looking to build a team of media representatives in all areas of the UK. If you are interested in photographing & filming dodgeball, email alex.media@britishdodgeball.com to find out more.

BECOME A PAID REFEREE

We are always on the lookout for more paid referees! Whether it is refereeing at one of our university or community leagues and opens, you can develop your officiating with the aid of referee mentors. Contact alex@britishdodgeball.com to find out more.

DEVELOP YOUR CLUB

If you are interested in setting up a new section or expanding your club (e.g. juniors or womens sessions) we have a plenty of [club support resources](#) as well as our [New Club Award](#). Clubs can access this award if they are planning to set up a new community dodgeball club, or a new section at an existing club. Our website also hosts plenty of [funding guidance](#) and clubs can request bid writing help from British Dodgeball by emailing hello@britishdodgeball.com.

DODGEMARK

[Dodgemark](#) has been set up in order to provide a kitemark accreditation for dodgeball clubs and to help support the clubs to have the strong procedures and systems in place for safe, engaging dodgeball delivery in their communities. Dodgemark club accreditation can be applied for by any community dodgeball club. Once achieved, it can be renewed every two years.

For more information about Dodgemark, look at our [Member Club & Dodgemark Guide](#). Once you're ready, email hello@britishdodgeball.com to begin your Dodgemark accreditation journey.

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SEE YOU ON THE COURT



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