

POST-MATCH RATINGS SYSTEM



BRITISH
DODGEBALL

1. INTRODUCTION

The quality of referees, assistant referees and the honesty and sportsmanship shown is extremely important to enjoyment of the sport. People are paying to enter events and deserve as high a quality event as possible. Feedback given in the Dodgeball Survey 2019 shows that players want more importance placed on the Dodgeball Code and further development and improvements in assistant refereeing, and the post-match ratings system will help to address both points.

2. SCORE CARD RATINGS

Before signing the score sheet, team captains and main referees will be asked to rate the quality of 2 specific points on a 3-point scale. These scores will be sent by event coordinators to British Dodgeball staff for processing, and the results made available to the Head of Referees and adult and junior rules & disciplinary committees. We will use this data to build a pattern of how assistant referees and teams perform over time in order to support individuals and teams and better govern the sport. We aren't looking to catch anyone out for having one poor performance.

3. SCORING CRITERIA

1. Assistant Referees (AR)

Who scores this: Main referees

Who is scored: All assistant referees as a group

3 – Outstanding: *Clear communication, highly engaged, actively assisting main referees*

2 – Good: *Expected standard of communication, engaged, calls when appropriate*

1A – Needs Improvement: *Lack of knowledge of rules*

1B – Needs Improvement: *Lack of engagement/communication*

Outcomes of tracking:

- Better insight into the quality of assistant refereeing
- Struggling assistant referees can be supported, those not engaging can be monitored and interventions applied

2. Dodgeball Code (DC)

Who scores this: Playing teams (adults) / main referees (juniors)

Who is scored: Their opponents as a group (adults) / each team as a group (juniors)

3 – Outstanding: *Showing respect to all, honest at all times, a pleasure to play against*

2 – Good: *Minimum expected standard of adherence to the dodgeball code*

1 – Needs Improvement: *Lack of respect to opposition/referees, lack of honesty*

Outcomes of tracking:

- Better insight into adherence of the Dodgeball Code
- Teams can receive recognition for positive contributions to the sport's culture
- Teams needing improvement can be monitored and interventions applied

What does my team need to do?

AR: Don't worry about the Assistant Referee score – the main referee will do this. Just make sure you are supporting the referees with appropriate input to the best of your ability when assistant refereeing.

DC: Adults - After every match, your team captain needs to write your rating for your opponent's adherence to the Dodgeball Code on the score card e.g. DC3. Juniors – The main referee will do this.

4. EVENT FEEDBACK FORM

Before an event takes place, the Head of Referees may contact your team to review main referees at an event. This should be kept confidential and you should not disclose that you are reviewing referees. After each match you play, your team captain should complete the Event Referee Feedback Form which will be emailed to you.

Like with the above ratings, this will be used to track long-term performance of referees. It will also be used for formative assessment purposes, so the Head of Referees and Referee Mentors are more aware of individual referee performance. All feedback will be anonymised before any feedback is given to referees.

5. GENERAL FEEDBACK

Anyone wishing to provide feedback on a referee or match may do so by completing the form on the [British Dodgeball Rules page](#). We cannot respond to every piece of feedback, but we will use this to develop the quality of refereeing in the long term.

6. INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

British Dodgeball has an ongoing commitment to improving the standards of Dodgeball Code adherence, assistant refereeing and main refereeing. As such, the following intervention strategies shall be implemented when necessary:

DC: For teams who are consistently being scored poorly over a length of time, the rules & disciplinary committee may contact the club to provide sanctions as outlined below. After initial warnings, further sanctions will be given if a team's adherence to the Code of Conduct does not then improve. Additionally, consistently low scores may be considered when formal complaints are levelled at a club or a club member.

Possible Sanctions:

- Required to meet with a superior member of staff
- Required to meet with the British Dodgeball disciplinary panel or board
- Be required to issue a formal written or in person apology
- Issued with a verbal warning
- Issued with a formal warning
- Removed from any relevant roles
- Be suspended or banned from future British Dodgeball events
- Be required to leave the sport

AR: For teams who are consistently being scored poorly over a length of time with low-scoring ratings skewed towards 1A (lack of knowledge), the head of referees may contact the club to provide assistance and recommendations as outlined below. After initial guidance, any necessary further guidance will be provided along with sanctions as outlined below if a team's performance does not then start to improve on a long-term basis.

Possible Guidance:

- Outline areas of knowledge that are lacking and recommend teams improve knowledge by looking through specific aspects of the current rules.
- Recommend club members attend an online or face to face refereeing course.

For teams who are consistently being scored poorly over a length of time with low-scoring ratings skewed towards 1B (lack of engagement), the head of referees will pass this information to the rules & disciplinary committee who may contact the club to provide sanctions as outlined below. After initial warnings, further sanctions will be given if a team's performance does not then improve on a long-term basis.

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