

**IDBF**  
**COMMISSIONERS GUIDE**

**INTERNATIONAL DODGE BALL FEDERATION**  
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## **ABOUT IDBF**

The International Dodge Ball Federation was the brainchild of Rusty Walker, our President and CEO. It was started as a way to build the youth attendance and promote youth ministry at a local Church in Gulfport, MS. The response was overwhelming; so much so that it spread to many other venues in the area and Dodge Ball Tournaments began. Many young people who enjoy playing sports do not have the athletic ability to play softball, baseball, soccer or basketball, but they want to be involved in a team sport and they all can (and love to) throw a dodge ball at their friend. Rusty has long been involved in youth sports as a fan, coach, sponsor, official and enjoys seeing the joy on the faces of kids (small and large!) enjoying themselves.

Sometime in 1998, Rusty built a Dodge Ball web site, wrote an official Dodge Ball Rulebook and set out to find a safe ball for playing the game. Many ball manufacturer's submitted samples of balls for selection and finally he one is use today was selected as a standard for all IDBF play. With only two pounds of air pressure, the IDBF ball can be easily thrown and used without hurting players in normal play. Response was so great with thousands of request for information about IDBF that Rusty Incorporated the International Dodge Ball Federation, copyrighted and trade marked the logos and henceforth, IDBF as we know it today was formed.

The goal of IDBF, as a Dodge Ball governing body, is to set the standard for safe play in dodge ball in both youth and adult leagues. The IDBF is currently on a mission of establishing State Commissioners in the United States to better give everyone an opportunity to play the game we all played and loved in school. International development is currently scheduled for 2006. We work everyday to establish league play through City Recreation Departments in every City of every State and through as many Churches as possible as a way to offer their youth a chance to play and fellowship together in a Christian atmosphere.

Al Hayes was asked to become a part of IDBF as Executive Director in September of 2003 and brings a vast amount of knowledge with regards to league development and tournament management. Al has many years of experience through working for years as an ASA (Amateur Softball Association) Commissioner, Junior Olympic Commissioner, Umpire In Chief, Umpire and even as a coach. He too loves working in sports with

both youth and adults and is the go-to-guy with questions about setting up league play and tournament play. Al is ultimately responsible for recruiting and setting up State Commissioners, and is heavily involved in developing and running State, Regional and National Tournaments for IDBF. Al has a degree in Electronics, is retired from the United States Air Force and also retired from Northrop Grumman Corporation as a Senior Test Engineer

## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE COMMISSIONER**

1. The Executive Director of the International Dodge Ball Federation shall appoint the State Commissioner who will serve at the leisure of the Board of Directors.
2. A State Commissioner shall serve his term until he resigns or is removed from office by the Executive Committee of the International Dodge Ball Federation.
3. The State Commissioner duties shall be to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer of his/her appointed State. The State Commissioner shall act as parliamentarian at all meetings.
4. The State Commissioner shall train and appoint a State Staff to include a State Umpire In Chief, a State Junior Olympic (Youth) Commissioner, a State Player Representative (Adult) and such other person or persons that may be required.
5. The State Commissioner shall train and appoint a District Commissioner for each District so designated in his/her appointed State. The State Commissioner shall provide all necessary forms and information to those appointed District Commissioners.
6. The State Commissioner shall be responsible for the collection of and forwarding to IDBF all moneys and dues owed to IDBF for Team and Umpire Registration fees. These fees must be remitted within 30 days of receipt. Failure to do so is grounds for suspension, or removal from office.
7. The State Commissioner is to coordinate an annual meeting with all District and local associations as well as the State Staff. A complete report shall be submitted within 30 days of such meeting, or before December 31 of the current year, to the Executive Director of IDBF on the form supplied by the Executive Director.
8. The State Commissioner shall be responsible for awarding to districts and supervising all State Tournaments.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF**  
**THE STATE UMPIRE IN CHIEF**

1. The State Umpire in Chief is an appointed position appointed by the State Commissioner to serve at the leisure of the State Commissioner. The State Umpire in Chief is appointed for a term of one calendar year, however, can continue to serve until notified otherwise by the State Commissioner.
2. The State Umpire in Chief must be thoroughly familiar with current IDBF Rules, Guidelines and interpretations of same. He will be responsible for setting up Umpire Clinics throughout the State, assist in organizing District and Local Umpire Associations and serve as the official IDBF Rules interpreter.
3. The State Umpire in Chief may appoint Deputy Umpire in Chiefs to assist him if he deems it necessary. The State Commissioner may also assign additional duties to the State Umpire in Chief as necessary.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF**  
**THE STATE JUNIOR OLYMPIC (YOUTH)**  
**COMMISSIONER (OPTIONAL POSITION)**

1. The State Junior Olympic (Youth) Commissioner is an at-will position appointed by the State Commissioner. If the State Commissioner elects to appoint a Junior Olympic commissioner, the appointment is for a term of one calendar year, however, the commissioner can continue to serve until notified otherwise by the State Commissioner.
  
2. The duties of the State Junior Olympic (Youth) Commissioner shall be to serve as coordinator assisting District Commissioners in setting up Youth leagues. He/she shall also represent the J.O. program in all State meetings.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF**  
**THE STATE PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE**  
**(ADULT OPTIONAL POSITION)**

3. The State Player Representative (Adult) is an appointed position appointed by the State Commissioner. The State Player Representative (Adult) is appointed for a term of one calendar year, however, can continue to serve until notified otherwise by the State Commissioner.
4. The duties of the State Player Representative (Adult) shall be to serve as coordinator assisting District Commissioners in setting up Adult leagues. He/she shall also represent the Adult. Program in all State meetings.



## **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER**

1. The State Commissioner of his/her appointed State shall appoint the District Commissioner.
2. A District Commissioner shall serve his/her term until he/she resigns or is removed from office by the State Commissioner.
3. The District Commissioner duties shall be to serve as the Chief Administrative Officer of his/her appointed District. The District Commissioner shall act as parliamentarian at District level meetings.
4. The District Commissioner shall train and appoint a District Staff to include a District Umpire In Chief, a District Junior Olympic (Youth) Commissioner, a District Player Representative (Adult) and such other person or persons that may be required.
5. The District Commissioner shall be responsible for the collection of and forwarding to the State Commissioner all moneys and dues owed to the State Commissioner for Team and Umpire Registration fees. These fees must be remitted within 30 days of receipt. Failure to do so is grounds for suspension, or removal from office.
6. The District Commissioner is to coordinate an annual meeting with all Local Associations as well as the District Staff. A complete report shall be submitted within 30 days of such meeting, or before December 31 of the current year, to the State Commissioner on the form supplied by the State Commissioner.
7. The District Commissioner shall be responsible for awarding and supervising all District Tournaments.
8. The District Commissioner shall be responsible for supervising all State Tournaments awarded to the District.

**COMMISSIONERS FEE SCHEDULE**

<b><u>UMPIRES</u></b> .....	\$25.00 per year
Fee Breakdown	
UIC Training Clinic fee .....	\$ 5.00 per umpire
District Commissioner fee.....	\$ 4.00 per umpire
State Commissioner.....	\$ 2.00 per umpire
Regional Commissioner.....	\$ 1.00 per umpire
To IDBF.....	\$13.00 per umpire

<b><u>TEAM ( Youth)</u></b> .....	\$20.00 per team
Fee Breakdown	
District Commissioner fee.....	\$ 5.00 per team
State Commissioner.....	\$ 2.00 per team
Regional Commissioner.....	\$ 1.00 per team
To IDBF.....	\$12.00 per team

<b><u>TEAM ( Adult)</u></b> .....	\$25.00 per team
Fee Breakdown	
District Commissioner fee.....	\$ 7.00 per team
State Commissioner.....	\$ 2.00 per team
Regional Commissioner.....	\$ 1.00 per team
To IDBF.....	\$15.00 per team

**INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT FEES:**

If all teams are sanctioned IDBF, no other team sanctioning fee will be required. If unsanctioned teams wish to play in your tournament, an assessment fee of \$8.00 will be charged per team, per tournament. This assessment fee will breakdown as follows; \$5.00 will be forwarded to IDBF and the remaining \$3.00 will stay with the District Commissioner. In addition to the team-sanctioning fee, a \$25.00 Tournament Sanctioning fee will be charged per tournament. This Tournament Sanctioning fee will be forwarded to IDBF.

The Tournament Director will determine the entry fee for all Invitational Tournaments. The Tournament Director will be responsible for Umpire fees, Trophies, IDBF fees and awards as necessary and should consider this when setting the Tournament Entry Fee.

**RULE BOOK**..... Free to State Commissioner

**ANNUAL BOOKLET**..... Mailed free to all coaches and umpires.

## **GETTING STARTED**

Because of the popularity, the fun and excitement of IDBF Dodge Ball, it is easy to get started. First, plan your season around the availability of playing space. Work through your City Recreation Departments. Those people will welcome you with open arms since their funding is usually based on the number of people served. They also seem to always be looking for additional ways to increase use at their facilities.

Thoroughly study and know the rules of the IDBF game of dodge ball. Make an appointment with the local Recreation Department Director and explain your game as a very fun and very safe game- because it is! He is usually looking for new games for both kids and adults to play and you have just introduced a great new game to him. If he is a little reluctant or unsure of how it will be accepted, setup an informational Dodge Ball Tournament or open play night. Reserve the rec center gym one Saturday afternoon for the youth (2-6PM), and Saturday night for the adults (6:30 to 10:30PM). As every person comes to play, ask them to fill out a form getting their Name, address and telephone number and ask on the form if league play was offered, would they play in the league. If you've gotten the word out, the response will be great and the Director will see that he has a winning game on his hands. Have him setup league play much the same way he would setup a softball league, get the word out to the players and it is off and running.

Setting up a Church league is much the same way only you are offering the Youth Minister a great and fun way to build his youth department. Dodgeball will really bring the kids to Church- maybe playing one to two nights a week or having a dodge ball night on the weekends. You can even challenge other Churches for fellowship and events (or fund raisers!). This not only works great for the youth of the Church but also for the young adults who play Basketball and Volleyball in a Church league, both Men and Women.

Summer camps are another great way for kids to enjoy dodge ball. Once these Directors see your enthusiasm for the game they will have to try it- and once they try it, you are in!

Use your imagination in creating ways for dodge ball to be played, always keeping in mind that the IDBF way is a safe and fun way to play.

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