



Dodgeball Canada Club Championships 2027

Application to Host

Submission Instructions

- Please read the entire document below thoroughly and reach out to hosting@dodgeballcanada.org with any questions as early as possible. Questions, along with DC's responses, will be shared with all applicants.
- After answering each section as thoroughly as possible, please send your final, completed bid package to hosting@dodgeballcanada.org by April 1st, 2026 at the latest.
- Feel free to supplement any section, or the whole bid package, with any additional documents or media that could strengthen the application.
- Bids should be for a specific city, and supported by both the PSO and a local league (if any).

Note: Previous hosts are prohibited from bidding for 3 years from their time of hosting. Currently, Richmond, Calgary, and Markham are prohibited from bidding.



INTRODUCTION

Dodgeball Canada

Dodgeball Canada is a federally-incorporated, not-for-profit organization that represents thousands of dodgeball players across the country. The organization consists of members spanning from Victoria all the way to Halifax, and aims to create a community of athletes representing a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences. Dodgeball Canada supports player development of all ages and skill levels, and supports international development as an active Executive Member of the World Dodgeball Federation.

Formed in November of 2015, Dodgeball Canada now stands at 10 provincial members, representing nearly all of Canada and thousands of dodgeball players nationwide.

Club Championships

2027 represents both the 11th anniversary and the 10th edition of the Dodgeball Canada Club Championships, formerly the National Dodgeball Championships. As part of this annual event, multiple dodgeball clubs that have qualified from each province compete to determine the top men's and women's clubs in Canada.

The event has become one of the largest annual gatherings of dodgeball players in Canada. More than 600 athletes, part of up to 60 teams, converge over a 4-day period in a celebration of our sport.



BID PROCESS

Members interested in hosting the Club Championships will need to complete and submit this bid package by April 1st, 2026. The following is a timeline for the Bid Process:

| Process Step | Date |
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| Inform members of Bid Process + distribute Bid Packages | December 20th, 2025 |
| Date to declare intention to submit | February 1st, 2026 |
| Closing Date – Submitted Applications | April 1st, 2026 |
| Complete reviews and select hosts | April 1st - April 23rd, 2026 |
| Inform selected hosts | April 27th, 2026 |
| Inform all applicants | May 1st, 2026 |
| Public announcement | 2026 Club Championships <i>(May 14-17 in Markham, ON)</i> |



HOST CRITERIA

To qualify for consideration, the following conditions must be met by the host. Dodgeball Canada will work with the successful applicant to verify that the criteria are met and that the information provided within this application is valid. The result of a successful bid will result in the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the host and Dodgeball Canada. To apply to host the Club Championships, a host must:

- Be a member in good standing under Dodgeball Canada and/or the local PSO.
- Be a registered legal entity according to the laws of their province.
- Maintain a dodgeball program for their community.
- Have experience hosting a significant dodgeball event within the previous 5 years.
- Can provide proof of insurance.
 - **Note:** PSOs and associated leagues who have opted in are already covered under Dodgeball Canada's insurance policy.

Please **specifically indicate** within your application package that you meet all of the above criteria.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please prepare a PDF containing all the sections as laid out below. Each section must be completed as thoroughly as possible, with concrete numbers based on experience and realities where applicable.

This document has been provided as a rough template to guide the bid package. The spaces below may be directly filled out, or a separately laid-out package may be submitted. If preparing a separate document, **all sections and details must be present in the order of this template.**

Feel free to include any supplemental documents that may strengthen your bid application, such as;

- Letters of support from relevant government, corporate, or community entities;
- A cover letter and/or table of contents;
- Promotional material that is supplemental to the main bid package (*eg: photo galleries, tourism packages, other samples, etc*);
- Appendices containing any other information that may strengthen your bid not directly asked for in this document (*eg: partnerships with local groups, events for athletes/fans/community outside of the tournament proper, etc*).



SECTION A – APPLICATION OVERVIEW

A.1 - Administration

Please provide information on the applicant. This information will be for the organization assuming the role as Host, and should include a primary contact.

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| League or Board(s) | |
| Director(s) | |
| Primary Address | |
| Primary Phone | |
| Primary Email | |

A.2 - Event Team

Please provide the names of proposed individuals to participate in the event. If the team has not been finalized, please briefly describe the process for soliciting participation.

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| Event Director | |
| Registration Coordinator | |
| Volunteer Coordinator | |
| Officials Coordinator | |
| Facilities Coordinator | |
| Other | |

A.3 - Proposal and Vision

Please present a proposal and overall vision for the Club Championship Tournament. This section should cover:

- An overall description of the tournament and any associated events.
- What makes this proposal stand out.
- Any relevant experience and expertise brought to this proposal.

A.4 – Partner Organizations

Please describe in detail any partnerships or collaborations involved in this bid package. Partnerships may include corporate sponsors, local or regional government organizations, or other community organizations.

Please be sure to detail the nature of the partnership including:

- The working relationship and division of responsibilities.
- Financial interests or gains between partners.
- The benefits to the Club Championships gained from the partnerships.

SECTION B – TOURNAMENT & EVENTS

The following criteria are mandatory for the host facility:

- Hardwood flooring.
- Absolutely no concrete or cement flooring.
- Minimum of six simultaneous courts in operation (preferably more).
- Spectator seating of at least 500 for the playoffs (preferably 1500+).
- Uniform lighting covering all courts.
- Men's, women's, and gender-neutral locker rooms, with showers, onsite.
- High-speed wired internet and Wifi accessible, with the ability to accommodate broadcast crew.
- Sound system to address the crowd and participants.

Please **specifically indicate** within your application package that you meet all of the above criteria.

B.1 - Event Details

Please provide event details in this section, including proposed dates and alternate dates. For 'Proposed' and 'Alternate' dates, please submit dates you are able to host the event. The proposed dates must be within the timeframe of **April 1st to May 15th, 2027**.

Please also include details regarding a general plan on how the event will run. Highlight any significant items on the itinerary that add value to the event. Please also highlight any ancillary events related to the tournament itself (ie: a welcome reception, post-tournament event, any community events, etc).

B.2 - Facility Details

In this section, you will provide information about the proposed facility for competition. 'Facility Capacity' refers to the approximate capacity for **spectators**, and 'Facility Description' refers to amenities and features of the facility that may be relevant to the tournament (*e.g. number of gymnasiums, layout of spectating area, additional rooms available for use, general quality of life features, location compared to hotels/restaurants/areas of interest, etc*).

B.3 - Court Design

In this section, please provide a **detailed diagram** of the court layout within measured/supplied dimensions of the available gymnasium(s). The court layout should accommodate a minimum of 6 courts and the netting system.

The diagram must include verified measurements of the available court space.

The host must be prepared to provide their own netting system. Netting should surround a minimum of 6 courts, and results in total court dimensions of 40ft x 70ft per court. In a traditional 6-court layout, the total dimensions of a proper netting system is 120ft x 140ft. Please clearly indicate the court layout and the type of netting system used.

The netting system must be specifically designed for use on sensitive gym floors. Please connect with your host venue administrators to confirm what will be an acceptable base and material for your netting system.

Note: Courts will require specific taping. Please ensure that all court lines will be taped using two separate colours: men's and women's boundary lines and centre line, and the clear line (second colour). Many gymnasiums have very specific taping restrictions; please specify the confirmed type of taping allowed.

B.4 - Itinerary

Please provide an overview of the proposed itinerary for the three or four days that include open practice, opening ceremony, men's and women's round robin, playoffs, medal presentations, closing ceremony, and exhibition or showcase matches (if applicable). Please clearly indicate the times of the round robin and playoffs such that they could accommodate 60 teams with each team playing (5) 40 minute round robin games.

Note: Specific details are not required at the time, but rather a list of significant events in the programme and how they may be scheduled. This is, understandably, subject to change.

B.5 - Community Involvement

Please provide details regarding planned community involvement. This can include proposed agreements or events with municipal or provincial bodies, local community organizations, or direct community involvement. Be sure to highlight the impact to the community as well as the impact to the local and national dodgeball community.

B.6 - Support Services

Please describe what support services will be available. The event must have medical support services, but may also include other types of services (eg. physio/massage services for athletes, security services or requirements at the venue, etc).

Note: The event and event participants will be covered by Dodgeball Canada insurance. Please indicate and briefly describe any additional insurance provided by the Host.



SECTION C - FINANCIAL

C.1 - Funding

Please describe the financial commitment that the Applicant is able to make in support of hosting this event.

The host will receive registration fees to offset expenses for what is estimated to be approximately 60 teams. Additional sources of funding are expected to be arranged by the applicant, including (at minimum) fundraising, PSO funding support, local government grants, and merchandise/ticket sales. Consult with your municipal tourism board in regards to sport tourism funding.

Please provide a **detailed budget plan** which includes sources for funding and expected revenues. Wherever possible, please include estimates and quotes for the costs.

A quote from the venue must be included.

Please also include a draft revenue sharing agreement involving all potential partner organizations. Dodgeball Canada will receive 40% of net profit from event revenue generated from the Club Championships.

Note: Failure to provide detailed financials that clearly indicate the financial ability to host the event will result in disqualification of the bid package.

C.2 - Other Revenue Generation

Please describe any additional revenue generation you are considering. This can include proposed fundraising, ticket sales, concession sales, and merchandise.



SECTION D - MEDIA

D.1 - Media and Promotions

Please provide an overview of your media engagement strategy, as well as noting any support you have received over the past year. You are encouraged to supply links and clips as available.

D.2 - Social Media

Please provide an overview of your social media strategy, ensuring to highlight your current social media strengths and future plans.

D.3 - Livestream

Please provide details for a potential livestream of at least one court. Please include details about any vendors or in-house solutions.

Dodgeball Canada will provide a partnership with YouTube in order to broadcast the livestream(s). Any streaming solution must be able to stream to YouTube.

Be sure to describe the technical and media expertise that your team has in order to provide a high-quality live stream product.

Note: Live streams should include at least one court with commentary, graphics, and live score updates.

SECTION E – LOGISTICS

E.1 - Lodging and Transportation

Please list and describe options for public transportation within your community. Include sample costs as appropriate (*e.g. adult bus fare, taxi fare from airport to venue*). Please also include a brief analysis of flight costs from representative cities in Canada.

In addition, please describe lodging options in your community, along with examples of hotel room costs and hostel costs.



SECTION F – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, SPONSORS, AND REVENUE SHARING

F.1 – Memorandum of Understanding

Dodgeball Canada and the host will enter negotiations to enact a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which will outline, at minimum, the following terms:

- The division of work and responsibilities between Dodgeball Canada, the host, and any other entities
- The financial responsibilities and commitments of both Dodgeball Canada and the host
- Revenue sharing details (Dodgeball Canada and the host agree to receive 40% and 60% of net profit from event revenue generated from the Club Championships, respectively)
- Deadlines and other important dates

Please indicate your willingness to negotiate an MoU with Dodgeball Canada.

F.2 – Sponsors, Partnerships, and Revenue Sharing

Dodgeball Canada reserves the right to designate a title sponsor for all Dodgeball Canada sanctioned events. Funds granted by our sponsors for the event will be shared with the Provincial Organization at a ratio in favour of Dodgeball Canada, to be negotiated.

If Dodgeball Canada cannot secure a title sponsorship, the PSO or league hosting the event will have to secure their own sponsors. In exchange for Dodgeball Canada's assistance promoting, supporting, and helping to secure sponsorships, sponsorship revenue must then be shared with Dodgeball Canada at a ratio of in favour of the host PSO or league, to be negotiated. Exceptions can be made under some circumstances and are dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

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Non-title sponsorships can be secured by both Dodgeball Canada and the host, and can be made in addition to title sponsorship agreements, so long as no conflict exists between the title sponsor (or any other long term partner/sponsor of Dodgeball Canada) and supplementary event sponsors. Agreements can be made on a first-come, first-served basis, so long as these arrangements are communicated to both parties in a reasonable time frame.

Dodgeball Canada has the following existing partnerships:

Cosmos Sport & Entertainment - Partnership and sponsorship partner

Gummy Nutrition Lab - Official Creatine Gummy Supplier

Grindworks - Partnership and sponsorship partner

Joylight - Official ball partner

VC Dodgeball - Official merchandise and apparel partner

Dodgeball Hub & Dodgeball.LIVE - Official software and streaming partner

It is the duty of both Dodgeball Canada, as well as the host, to ensure all sponsorship agreements are met, and adequate visibility of our sponsors is achieved.

Please list and describe any sponsorship arrangements you have secured, will secure, or might reasonably secure in support of hosting this event (*eg. corporate sponsors, merchandise sponsors, food sponsorship or partnerships, hotel and airfare arrangements, etc*). This can include donations in kind.



EVALUATION OF BIDS

Bids will be evaluated by a committee of individuals drawn from the Dodgeball Canada community. The membership will be posted following the selection process.

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