

Annual Activity Report

Organisation: Dodgeball Belgium VZW

Year: 2023 (01/09/2023 - 31/08/2024)

1. Competitive Sports

Overview of competitions organised or participated in, including leagues, championships, events and tournaments including key facts (size, lengths and no. of participants).

1. Dodgeball Belgium organised the National Competition in 3 categories. We had 6 Men teams participating, 6 Mixed teams & 5 Women teams. This comprises a total of 120 players. The competition was played out on many individual days.
2. Dodgeball Belgium organised a mixed competition. Mixed in two different manners. First of all it was mixed gendered but also mixed across the Belgian clubs. Players got to play with unknown teammates and form a new bond. In total we had 6 teams of 50 players joining.
3. Dodgeball Belgium organised a training weekend for 35 players which was aimed at forming closer cross club connections. 2 training sessions and plenty of teambuilding sessions were held.

2. Grassroots Projects

Initiatives to promote the sport at the community level, including school programs, open days, and beginner activities.

1. Dodgeball Belgium placed strong focus on accessibility and visibility of the sport through several grassroots initiatives. Together with Artevelde, a school program for future PE teachers was launched introducing dodgeball to physical education students and providing hands-on workshops in how to implement dodgeball sessions in their own school environments.
2. Every affiliated club hosted at least one open day, inviting new players to discover the sport in a low-pressure environment. These open days successfully attracted new members and strengthened the relationship between local communities and their clubs. A club like Ghent Wolves organised 3 open training sessions with a 4th one dedicated to women.
3. Finally, regional tryout sessions were organised to give newcomers a first competitive experience in events that bring lesser known sports to the public. These sessions served both as promotion and as a bridge towards competitive play.

3. National Teams

Activities, training camps, and competitions of national representative teams.

1. Our national teams continued their steady development this season, training regularly and participating in international competitions. A total of seven national training sessions were held throughout the year, focusing on fitness, strategy, and team cohesion.
2. Dodgeball Belgium proudly represented the country at the World Championships, where our teams delivered committed performances and gained valuable experience on the international stage. The dedication bore fruit in the unprecedented 11th place for the mixed team.
3. Beyond the championship, friendly matches were played against the Netherlands, helping both nations strengthen their squads and deepen regional cooperation.

4. Courses

Training, education, and certification activities for coaches, referees, and officials.

1. Dodgeball Belgium welcomed its first internationally experienced referee to share best practices and mentor Belgian officials, further raising the standard of refereeing within our competitions.

5. Cooperations

Partnerships with other organisations, clubs, schools, or sponsors as well as current business relationships and/or potential future business relationships.

1. Dodgeball Belgium strengthened its network of partnerships to support growth and professionalism within the sport. The collaboration with Artevelde High School provided valuable input for educational and promotional projects.

6. Organisation Development

Steps taken to improve the structure, governance, sustainability and capacity of the organisation as well as steps taken towards gender balance on all aspects of the organisation.

1. Important structural steps were taken this year to strengthen Dodgeball Belgium as a federation. The organisation's structure was aligned with the European Dodgeball Federation (EDF) model, ensuring better governance and international compatibility.
2. A committee system was established to distribute responsibilities effectively. Dedicated committees now exist for Health & Safety, Rules and Regulations, Media, Development, and Legal Affairs, each contributing to the professionalisation of the organisation.
3. In a major governance update, membership of the non-profit entity was redefined: active members are now club entities rather than individual persons, ensuring that the voice of each club is directly represented at the general assembly. This step enhances democratic decision-making and strengthens the role of clubs within Dodgeball Belgium.

Prepared by: Plaetinck Arno

Signature: _____

Approved by: **Executive Council** and/or **AGM** (mark checkbox that applies)

Date: _____