

# National Squad Application Form

This application form is an opportunity for you as an athlete and applicant to (re)introduce yourself to the National Selection Committee and provide a thorough picture of who you are as a dodgeball athlete.

We are interested in understanding your experience, your perspective, and your passion for the sport of dodgeball.

Without the opportunity to see you in person, we want to provide you with the opportunity to impress us, let us in on how you think, explain the challenges you are working to overcome, and tell us why you would make an excellent asset to the national program.

Note, this is a long form. We recommend drafting and saving your answers in a safe place (e.g. a word document) until you are ready to submit to avoid losing your answers.

## Player Information

*Please provide your contact information and preferences.*

**Full Name**

**E-mail**

**Phone Number**

**Birth date**

**Province or Territory**

- British Columbia
- Alberta
- Saskatchewan
- Manitoba
- Ontario
- Quebec
- New Brunswick

- Nova Scotia
- Prince Edward Island
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Yukon
- Northwest Territories
- Nunavut

**Which Squad are you trying out for?**

- Women's
- Men's

**What is your preferred team to play for?**

- Gendered (i.e. the men's or women's team)
- Co-ed / mixed

**Which style of ball are you trying out for?**

- Foam
- Cloth
- Both

**Preferred pronouns**

- she / her / elle
- he / his / il
- they / them / iel
- other

**Video submission**

*Link to the video requirements:*

- Skills demonstration submission link
- In-game footage link
- In game footage time stamp 1
- In game footage time stamp 2

### **Player description**

*Please include details such as jersey number, jersey colour, team name, and/or other personal descriptors (e.g. hair colour) to assist the selection committee in recognizing you in the footage.*

If you are unable to provide any of the footage request above, please explain why.

### **Player bio / history**

**How many years ago did you start playing dodgeball?**

*From your first tournament or league - not counting gym class.*

**How many years ago did you start playing WDBF or EDF style dodgeball?**

**Name your home league(s)**

*What leagues do you / have you most frequently play in? Feel free to name multiple leagues, if appropriate.*

**Do you have experience competing at the National Dodgeball Championships?**

**Do you have experience competing at the WDBF World Dodgeball Championships?**

**Describe your dodgeball experience and accolades**

*List notable tournaments you attended or travelled to (include division, where appropriate), include accolades. Please feel free to include non-WDBF foam style dodgeball events (e.g. cloth, 8" foam, rubber, no-sting. Examples include Westerns, National Dodgeball Festival, Elite, UDC, etc.)*

**Do you have experience in other competitive sports?**

*If yes, name the sport(s), the level at which you competed / the highest-level competitive event you attended. Explain how your experience in this sport has helped your development as a dodgeball athlete.*

### **Player description**

**What is your preferred position on the court?**

*When in a 6v6 scenario, your team has 3 balls, what position would be your preference?*

- Middle no-ball
- Middle with a ball
- Right corner / wing
- Left corner / wing

**What positions are you proficient at playing?**

*Select all that apply. Proficiency means you would feel confident playing this position in a competitive environment (at the national and world stage)*

- Middle no-ball
- Middle with a ball
- Right corner / wing
- Left corner / wing

**Do you throw with your left or right arm?**

*Please only select both if you are proficient with your non-dominant hand. Proficiency means you would feel confident using this throw in a competitive environment (at the national and world stage)*

- Right
- Left
- Both

**Why would Team Canada benefit from having you on the team?**

*What sets you apart? What unique or special attributes would you bring to the team? What do you bring that few others could? What would you like the selection committee to focus on or pay attention to when reviewing your game footage?*

**What do you hope to gain through your participation on the national squad?**

**List up to three things that you are currently working on to improve your dodgeball game.**

**List your biggest strengths and weaknesses as a dodgeball athlete**

*Provide up to three strengths and three weaknesses*

**Describe your current training regime.**

*Include physical fitness training and skill-based training.*

**[Optional]: Do you have any current or past injuries you would like the committee and coaches to be aware of?**

*Please feel free to include expected recovery timelines, injury management strategies, or any further details you would like the committee to know.*

**Understanding your perspective and how you think about the game**

*We are interested in understanding how you think about dodgeball while you are on the court, and how you approach the game. We want to understand your player mindset and instincts.*

**Describe your play style**

*Do you approach the game with a more offensive or defensive mindset? What skills do you prioritize? Are you more likely to go for a catch or focus on the dodge? Are you more likely to let off a throw/counter or hold onto a ball to block/pressure? Example: how might a dodgeball commentator describe you as they watch you play?*

**From your perspective, what makes a good corner / winger?**

*i.e. What are the priorities and objectives of the corner / winger position? When you play corner / winger - what are you thinking about? What are you looking for? What are you doing? When you are in the middle, what do you want the corner position to be doing?*

**From your perspective, what makes a good middle no-ball player?**

*i.e. What are the priorities and objectives of a middle no-ball position? When you do not have a ball in your hand, what are you thinking about? What are you looking for? What are you doing? What makes a good middle no-ball player? When you are in the corner what do you want the middle players to be doing?*

**Additional comments**

*This is an opportunity if there is anything you would like us to know that you haven't had the opportunity to say, or any points regarding any of the previous questions that you would like to clarify.*