

European Dodgeball Federation – Membership Information & Criteria

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1. General Information

The European Dodgeball Federation has a 2-tier-membership system.

- Full Member
- Provisional Member

An interested organisation can apply via the EDF-membership-form. Rights and obligations of a member are listed within said form.

2. Criteria EDF will look closely at when deciding on membership-applications

2.1 National Activity and Growth

Members must show consistent activity in adult and junior dodgeball, in terms of doing or proactively trying to do, the following:

- Setting up and/or attending leagues where possible
- Holding regular training sessions and providing opportunities to play in a competitive environment in some form
- Have established self-sufficient dodgeball clubs within the country
- Interaction with the general public to bring new players into the sport and engage with local communities
- Provide support to local clubs where possible, ensuring they are set up and run in accordance with local laws and EDF principles
- Ensure health and safety and safeguarding considerations are taken into account and organisers are appropriately educated on these topics
- Comply totally with their local regulations and laws, including in respect of working with children

2.2 Being, or working towards being, a legally founded national organization

- The member must demonstrate that they (i) are a legally founded organisation in accordance with the organisational structure and regulations of their home nation or (ii) have a realistic and achievable plan to become a legally founded organisation.
- *This looks different in every country and the time required to meet the relevant criteria may also vary. The EDF welcomes communication around this topic and can provide assistance and guidance to achieve this goal where possible.*

2.3 Governance

- National bodies should be governed and led by various individuals taking decisions collectively
- The leadership group must abide by basic democratic principles including, but not limited to, equality, accountability, transparency, collaboration and integrity
- The organisation must demonstrate a democratic structure, where leadership positions are restricted in term-lengths and have a voting system in place for said positions
- The leadership group must take into account the interests of all stakeholders including players, coaches, parents of junior players, clubs, and the wider dodgeball community when making decisions which affect the experience of all parties
- Players and coaches must have the ability to raise issues and complaints and a process must be in place for dealing with this

2.4 Interaction with the EDF and International Engagement

Members must:

- Pay membership fees promptly
- Show willingness to participate in EDF governance such as congress meetings, voluntary continental work and where possible attending EDF events and competitions
- Comply fully with all EDF policies, statues, regulations, procedures and decisions
- Work collaboratively with the EDF to develop the support and resolve issues
- Where possible, actively promote the sport, or take steps to promote the sport, using social media, websites and other forms of media

2.5 Inclusivity and Ethics

- Members must comply fully with EDF inclusivity and diversity policies
- Members should require players to follow principles of good sportsmanship and fairness
- Members should have clear aims in developing diversity and inclusivity in the sport and plans of improvement in this area
- Members must take steps to remove discrimination from the sport and ensure that players are safe and protected whilst involved in the sport