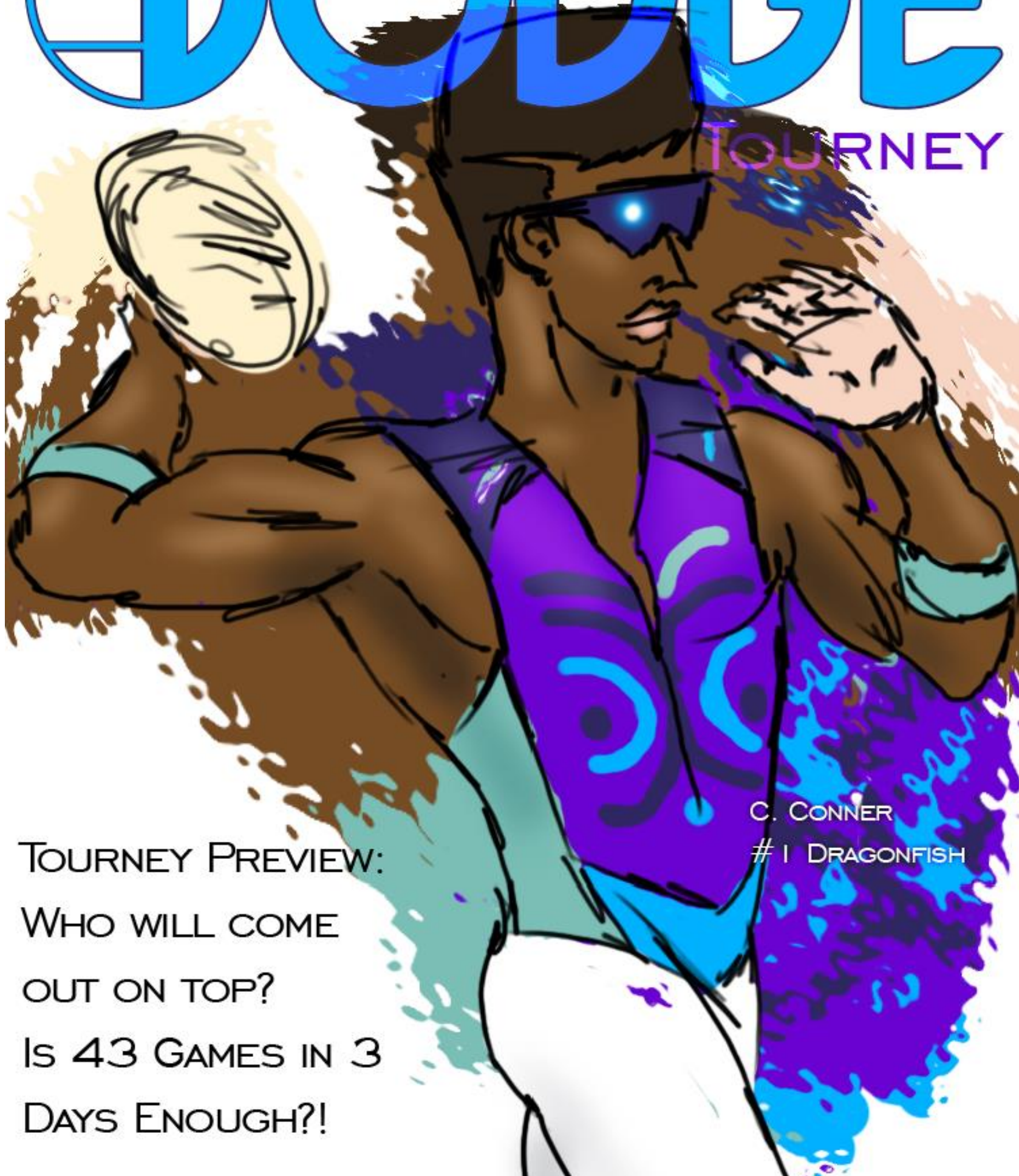


# DODGE

TOURNEY



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#1 DRAGONFISH

TOURNEY PREVIEW:  
WHO WILL COME  
OUT ON TOP?  
IS 43 GAMES IN 3  
DAYS ENOUGH?!



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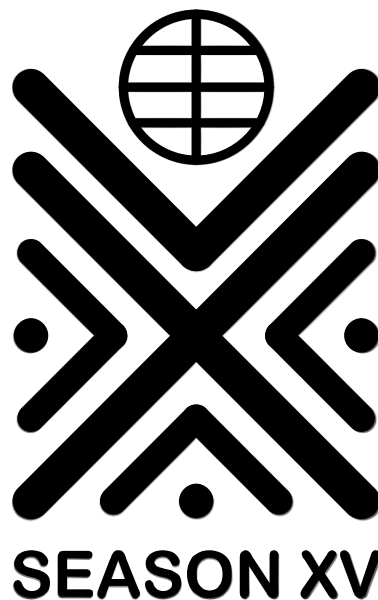
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# YEAR OF THE NEW

Are you ready to get this thing started! It has been a year since the last game action of the DBL with the Gold winning their first title. Now, the game has been changed, multiple times over. Every aspect of the game we love has been revamped to produce a better product on the field.

Four new teams enter the league for the first time since season 2. It will be fun to see them assimilate and see their 'firsts' as an organization.

The preseason Tournament has been formatted in group stages to give each team at least four quick matches to test their team chemistry and make adjustments before the start of the season.

The Regular Season now consists of 11 games with 8 divisional games and 3 out of division games. No more conferences.

We now have a do or die, head to head Division Title game to salivate over. Played at a neutral site. The winner goes onto the Invite game. The Championship and all other post-season games are now 1 match, 1 shot at glory.

To wrap the season up, each division selects a team to represent it in a mini-bracket championship.

Along with the yearly awards, the DBL will name an All-Dodge team.

It's all different, it's all awesome.

Let's Go!



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PHOENIX

First Canadian Player





## NEW TEAMS FOR A NEW ERA



For the first time in 13 seasons, we have expansion teams. Commissioner Hasheem Halim decided to pull the trigger on the expansion after looking at all the League changes. Since 2010-2, the league was exploring expansion markets having the Tournament in Arizona, a Play-In in Ohio and an All\*Star game in Carolina. It became clear there were markets that desired a team, and the talent level in the league has been steadily rising with very good college classes and the increase in international athletes. So, it made sense to allow all these good athletes to get there shot by expanding the league. Denver, Charlotte, and Phoenix were quickly accepted with a strong bid and stadiums ready. The last spot was a toss-up, with Philadelphia, Boston and Louisville putting in late bids. Louisville got a huge advantage with Derby insider Kent Terril promising a venue at the Churchill Downs track and quality training facilities. The teams were split up to fit there general geographic region with the Denver Captains put in the Midwest, the Phoenix Dodgeball Club out West, the Carolina Checkers down South, and the Louisville Jox up North.

# MEET THE OWNERS



Timothy LeDuff is from the banking world in Charlotte, NC, and he is banking on the Checkers being a success in the DBL. Unfortunately for him, his team starts in probably the toughest division with the Toros, Skylarks and Cat's perennially contending for division and league titles. The mascot for the team represents the car racing heritage of the area and the drive to finish first.



Kent Terril is the facility owner of Churchill Downs. He saw an opportunity to bring more events to the stadium, with a market sandwiched between the Dizzy Devils and Interceptors. It was impressive to beat out much larger markets such as Philadelphia and Boston, so it will be very important to prove that the city wants the Jox. The team name is pretty obviously tied to tradition of the Kentucky Derby.



Tony Renzo is a software industry leader, the youngest owner in the league, based out of Colorado. An avid fan of the Gold growing up in Silicon Valley, he ran their digital media team and played a central role in developing the PeeR ranking system last season. Now, he has a team on his own to program. The team's full name is Denver, Capitol of the Mountains, shortened to Denver Captains, also Caps for the snow capped mountains.



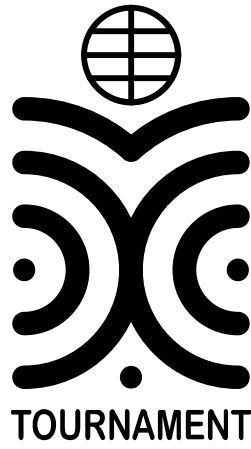
Mark Ryans is the majority owner of the Phoenix Mountains Athletic Club. The facility he owns has a full tennis/dodgeball stadium plus brand new dodgeball only lockers and training areas. Phoenix was guaranteed a bid after the 2010-2 Tournament held in Arizona, so they have had time to build anticipation and a nice landing spot for the new players and coaches. The Phoenix is not just the town name but represents coming from the bottom and rising to prominence anew.





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GROUP 1

#7 DRAGONFISH
Jox
#8 TOROS
#2 GOLD
PHAROAHS

GROUP 2

SEADOGS
#1 SKYLARKS
SILVERBACKS
#3 SCARLET EMBER
#5 GREMLINS

GROUP 3

EMPIRE
#6 DIZZY DEVILS
CHECKERS
DIAMONDS
INTERCEPTORS

GROUP 4

PHOENIX
CAPTAINS
ST. CAT'S
REAPERS
#3 MARGAYS

SCHEDULE

DAY 1

#7 DRAGONFISH
Jox

#8 TOROS
#2 GOLD

Jox
#8 TOROS

CHECKERS
DIAMONDS

PHOENIX
CAPTAINS

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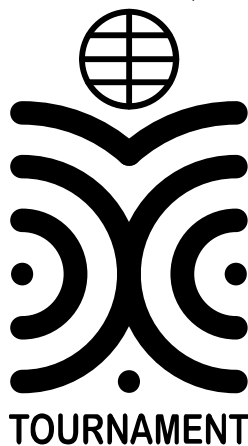
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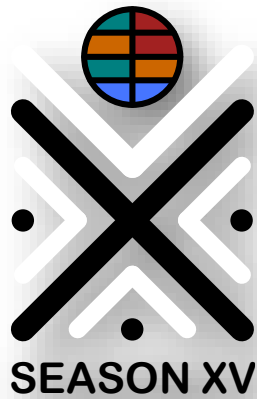
CHAMPION

GROUP  
4

This year's Tournament will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia at BC Place. The usual format of a single game bracket of 16 teams is now changed to a group stage format. Commissioner explains:

*"The real reason for this tournament is to give the teams a first look at the team they have assembled through the Combine, Draft, and Free Agency. It is a chance to make tweaks to your coaching or team line-up and things like that. So, with that in mind, having a guaranteed 4 games for each team in the group stage gives ample opportunity to get a first look at each team. And I am sure dodgeball enthusiasts will love to binge on dodgeball for 3 days!"*

Each team will play every member of their group in a best of 3 set match, for a total of 4 games. Each winner of the group, determined by W-L and points scored, will advance to single elimination games. The groups were randomly drawn independent of division or rank. The toughest group will be 1, with the Gold and Toros squaring off, the stacked Pharoahs there and the surprisingly ranked #7 Dragonfish stirring things up.



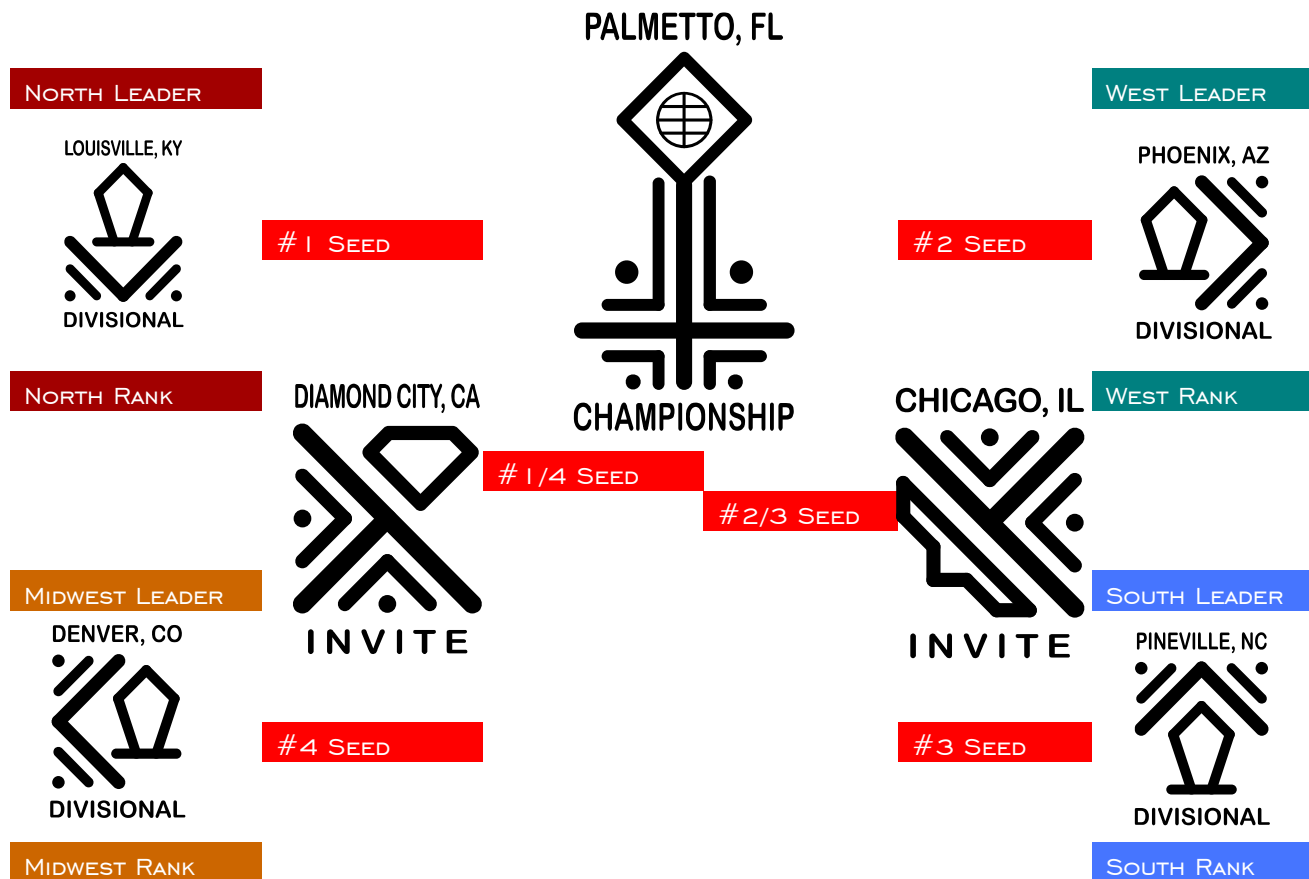
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Onto the regular season, the scheduling system has been reformatted. The big thing is there will not be the North-Midwest and South-West Conferences this year. Each division will act as its' own league, with 3 inter-division games, playing each division once. With 8 division games, this will give the team a clear record, it is either a winning year, or a losing one. Every team's game schedule is automatically filled with regards to which division the team is in, and where the team placed last year.

The schedule is broken down into the Championship Team's division, the Runner-Up's division, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Best team's division, and the last division. And further depending on the teams place last year, they are given a different schedule. However, in years past, the better teams have been given tougher schedules, but this year it has been mostly smoothed out. The big games come where the #1's from each division meet, and some of the #2 on #1 games. Inter-divisional will probably be the biggest draws for rating this year, with much of the playoff matchups repeating from last year.

To end the regular season on an interesting note, the home advantage of the last game of the season is determined by who has the better record going into the game. And it has been programmed, in a perfect world, to let the top 2 in each division get a 'cupcake' game going into the post season, but we know too well it will never pan out that way.

Each game has been increased from best of 3 sets, to best of 9 sets. This will make an upset very hard to pull off, and will provide some really big numbers in terms of stats!



The most drastic change to the season procedures is the post season.

Since season 2008-2, the Playoffs have been a best of series, rotating between the teams respective stadiums. Now, 1 game will be played on a pre-determined neutral site determining the winner of the round. The sites are determined by assigning the teams with the poorest records with hosting duties. The worst team in the league hosts the Championship the next year, this year it will be in the beautiful Kindra Stadium in Florida. Then, the Invite games are hosted by the next 2 worst teams, which will be in Chicago and Diamond City this year. Each of the Division Title games are to be held in the expansion teams fields.

There is now a Division Title game that is part of the playoffs. In previous years, you could win the division and pray for a good spot in the playoffs. There was even a time in 2009 where the Interceptors won the division but failed to make the playoffs. Now, each division will have a winner that has earned their trophy head to head in a neutral site, and can represent them in the Invite round.

Another new aspect is the Invite round. Since there are no longer conferences, this round acts as a final four of sorts. The #1 and #4 ranked team play each other in Diamond City, while the #2 and #3 teams play in Chicago. There is no trophy for this round, it is simply a prelim.

The Championship game will be the same best of 9 set game as the rest of the season. One game to glory. The Commissioner had this to say:

*"This set up will be about 4x more exciting than in the past. The DBL will be able to market these games in assured locations with an assured result. Fans will not wonder whether they are witnessing the final game of the season or not. We will have a Championship GAME, and the DBL along with Saturn will stop at nothing to make sure on that day it will be an extravaganza."*





WEST	MIDWEST	ALL DODGEBALL TEAM	SOUTH	NORTH
CAPTAIN	CAPTAIN	CAPTAIN	CAPTAIN	CAPTAIN
1 ST ARM	1 ST ARM	1 ST ARM	1 ST ARM	1 ST ARM
2ND ARM	2ND ARM	2ND ARM	2ND ARM	2ND ARM
DEFENDER	DEFENDER	DEFENDER	DEFENDER	DEFENDER
DASHER	DASHER	DASHER	DASHER	DASHER

The All\*Star selection system will be much different than before. Before, the positions were very honorary, now, each position will be determined by a certain type of playing style.

**Coach** – Responsible for the strategy of the game. The Division round loser gets the honor of coaching this team.

**Captain** – This is the person who the coach relies on to pass the gameplan to the other players. This will be determined by the team Execution % throughout the year.

**1<sup>st</sup> Arm** – This is the person the offense relies on to get the best opponents out. This will be determined by the best Throw Average throughout the season.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Arm** – This is the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> arm except the selection process. This person will be selected based on the Throw Success % during the season.

**Defender** – This is the person who throwers wish they didn't have to target. This person is a great catcher and/or dodger, they extend the game and change momentum. This person will be determined by the combination of best catch and dodge average.

**Dasher** – This person is the quickest guy on the field, used to get the ball from the middle of the field at the start of the set. This will be determined by who has the best Dash Success %.

The All\*Star weekend will occur after the Championship. It takes place at the home of the previous season's #1 team for the regular season. It will consist of a quick All\*Star Tournament where the #1 and #4 division will play, and the #2 and #3 division will play, based off of the Playoff results. Then, the award ceremony will commence.

Awards offered:

Best Index – Best Thrower – Best Catcher – Best Dodger – Mr. Dash – Leadership Award

Comeback Player – Rookie MVP – Most Valuable Player – Most Valuable Coach

