

Manatee Endball Club

A New Extracurricular Opportunity for the 2019-2020 School Year

Sponsors: Coach Hollister, Coach A. and Coach Norm

One particular activity, "Endball", has been a favorite with our older students during their time at PE. Due to its popularity, we have decided to form a club so students have more opportunities to play their favorite game. Students that join our club will learn game strategies, refine their skills, and engage in physical fitness through friendly competition and sportsmanship.

Endball is a variation of Dodgeball. The only difference is the type of ball used. In Endball, small, gator-skin foam balls are used to eliminate injuries due to the speed of the ball thrown. The object of the game is to be the first team to completely clear the opposing team's in-bound space of its players.

About the game:

Basic Rules: A player in an In-bounds space can be removed and sent to play for their team at the other "End" in one of three ways:

1. Being struck with the ball through the air on the body from the shoulders down (A head shot or a bounced ball will not result in the player's removal from the in-bounds space.)
2. Catching a thrown ball through the air: the thrower will be removed from the Inbounds space
3. Touching "Out-of-Bounds" with any body part (The player may request an out-of-bounds time-out for a safety issue: Tie a shoe, injury assessment, etc.)

Three-Second Rule: Upon receiving the ball, players have 3 seconds to throw the ball into play. Otherwise, the player forfeits control of the ball to the opposing in-bounds team.

Never "Out" of the Game: In this form of Dodgeball, a player is never truly out of the game. Once removed from the in-bounds space, a player goes to play for their team at the other "End". In this way, the in-bounds players must look in both directions, in-bounds and out-of-bounds, to locate the ball and avoid being struck or be able to catch the ball.

Bringing a Player Back to the in-bounds Space from the out-of-bounds space: If an in-bounds player catches a thrown ball in the air from the opposing team's out-of-bounds player, the in-bounds player may select one of his/her team's out-of-bounds players to re-join the in-bounds team. If no out-of-bounds player is available to bring back the in-bounds player may choose an in-bounds player on the opposing team to be removed and sent to the other "End".

Other information about Endball:

What to wear: A light-colored shirt (preferably a microfiber or cotton T-shirt), shorts, socks, and sneakers. Students will not be allowed to play in any open-toed shoes such as sandals or flip-flops.

Hydration: Students will be given a hydration break at the conclusion of each game. Students may bring fitness water from home or simply get a cold drink of water from the coolers.

Manatee Endball Club Permission Form

Grades 4 and 5

My child/student, _____ has permission to participate in the Manatee Endball Club at Otis A. Mason Elementary School during the first semester of the 2019/2020 school year on **Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.** I understand that I must provide transportation home, if my child/student is selected to participate. Students in the Manatee Endball Club LEAD the way to excellence by maintaining excellent conduct during both Club Meetings and in their classrooms.

My Child/Student will LEAD to “Reach for the Stars” at school by following these expectations:

- ***L**ive Safely
- ***E**xhibit Kindness
- ***A**ct Responsibly
- ***D**emonstrate Respect

Only 30 students will be admitted into the Manatee Endball Club. Forms will be numbered as they are received. A “Waiting List” will be in place after the first 30 students qualify through the selection process.

Student/Participant Name: _____ **Grade:** (circle one) 4 5

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone #:** _____

Please list any Health Concerns/Allergies: _____

By signing this, I understand the Manatee Endball Club commitment, behavior expectations and the transportation requirement.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date:** _____

(Please return this form to Coach Hollister ASAP to be numbered on a “First Return” basis)