

Cornelius Parks & Recreation Gaga Ball Tournament Rules

The following rules are subject to change at the discretion of Cornelius Parks & Rec staff

- 1.** Games will be played with 4-7 players in the ring for all age divisions based on participation. To start, every player must be touching the wall, heel and hand. The Referee will toss the ball in the air, and it must bounce twice on the ground. Players yell "Ga" for each bounce and once "Ga-Ga" has been yelled, the ball is live.
- 2.** Parks & Recreation Staff will act as referees. The referee is the sole authority during play and is responsible for settling disputes and ensuring fair play. All players will play honestly and proceed to be "out" if they are called "out".
- 3.** Players may only hit the ball with the palm of their hands, aiming to hit the opponent below the hip area. Only players hit below the hip area will be called "out". A player that purposefully aims for an above the hip area will be called "out". A player advancing the ball incorrectly will result in game stoppage and referee will put the ball back into play. Players may not catch the ball. A player catching the ball will result in play stoppage and the referee will put the ball back into play.
- 4.** Anytime the ball goes out of the pit, the last player to touch it will be called "out".
- 5.** Players may only hit the ball once. The ball must bounce off of another player or the wall in order for the player to hit the ball again, no double-taps are allowed. Players may bounce or "dribble" off the wall as many times as they choose in order to move the ball. Players may move anywhere in the ring during gameplay.
- 6.** The referee will stop the game after each "out", in which the player called "out" must exit the pit.
- 7.** The game will end when the last person is eliminated. Games will be played with a 4 minute maximum time limit. Any players remaining in the ring after 4 minutes will receive the maximum number of points for that game.