**GAGA BALL – Oakridge Style**

Gaga Ball is a form of Dodgeball that's normally played in an Octagon 'Pit.' The OBJECT is to eliminate players by hitting them at or below the knees with the ball by striking the ball with your hand only. When a person is eliminated, he must leave the court. It’s best to assign a JUDGE to know and enforce the rules.

1. **Any number of people can play.** To start, everyone in the pit must be touching any wall of their choice. Any player tosses the ball in the center of the pit, and it must bounce twice on the ground. As it bounces, everyone can say "Ga" for each bounce. After the second bounce ("Ga-Ga"), the ball is live, and players can leave the wall to strike it. Players move freely in the pit.
2. Any player can approach the ball and hit it with an open hand or a fist (no holding or palming) and try to hit it into another player's leg at the knee or below. If the ball hits or touches anyone from the knee or below, that player is out and must exit the pit immediately.
3. **ELIMINATION:** Being hit on or below the knees with the ball; Leaving the pit or using the pit walls to jump; Sitting, lying down, or supporting yourself with anything other than your feet; Picking up, palming or scooping the ball (as opposed to just hitting it); Hitting the ball or leaving the wall before it is in play (wait until after the second bounce); Touching the ball a second time before it hits either the wall or a player first – players are allowed a maximum of 3 dribbles off the wall; Striking the ball so that it hits someone above the knees, except for their hands; Hitting the ball out of the pit whether it hits the wall or not.
4. **GAME END:** The game ends when the last 2 people battle it out to the end, or, to speed up the end of the game, the last 2 players can be given a certain time to finish, such as 10-30 seconds to win. At that point, if no one is out, a tie is called. Once the game is over, everyone else re-enters the pit to start a new game.
5. **VARIATIONS:** play with more than one ball; play in teams (we recommend colors or gender with this); expand the ‘hit’ area to be up to the waist or below; allow the ‘out’ people on the outside of the pit to hit the ball and get people out; let the last two players both be winners; use teams of two that hold hands through the whole game; and, no dribbling off the wall; any other variation you can come up with!
6. **HAVE FUN!! Return the ball to the Snack Shack when you are done. Thanks.**

**GO GA GA!!**