



A player getting ready to attack during a match.

Team members with their supporters at Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah last Saturday.

# MAD season kicks off with a bang

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**SHAH ALAM:** The "mad" season is on again.

The MAD Campus Dodgeball League kicked off for the second year at Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah (PSA) last Saturday.

A total of 16 dodgeball clubs from private and public institutions of higher learning are vying for the first prize of RM10,000.

The second placed team will get RM5,000 while the team who come in third will receive RM3,000.

"This is the first time we have had participation from public universities," said Malaysian Association of Dodgeball (MAD) deputy president Ramona Yuen.

Ramona said that MAD has made a number of changes to the league format and also its scoring system to

make the event more interesting and exciting for competitors and spectators.

The competing 16 clubs are divided into four groups where each team in the group have to play each other twice after which the top two in the group proceed to the quarter-final stage.

For this year, teams will also be awarded points for the performances of their cheerleaders, commentators and also bloggers in an effort to make the league more appealing to spectators.

Defending champions Segi Barbarians will have a hard time holding on to their title this year as many up and coming teams are throwing in their challenge.

"There are a lot of promising clubs

competing this year but UCSI are among the favourites to challenge for the league title after winning the Figos Cup earlier this year," said Ramona.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Tan Sri Koh Tsu Koon, who officiated the event, said dodgeball was a great way to unify and promote teamwork among Malaysians.

"Sport is a great way to promote unity regardless of whether they are high profile sports, community sports or even sports at the grass-roots level," said Koh.

The MAD Campus Dodgeball League will end on Oct 16. Visit [www.dodgeball.com.my](http://www.dodgeball.com.my) for more information.



A participant in action.



Cheerleaders put on a show between intervals.