

CO-ED ADULT KICKBALL OFFICIAL RULES

Please arrive 10-20 minutes before your game to warm-up. Before the start of each game, a brief time of devotional will be lead between fields 1 and 2. Each team playing at that time slot is asked to convene at this location when directed. Please quietly and respectfully listen during the devotional. You are welcome, and encouraged, to reach out to the devotional leader directly with any questions or comments after the devotional concludes or after your game.

TEAMS:

- Teams shall consist of a maximum of **10 players on the field** and a **minimum of 8 players** with at least 4 women on the field at all times. If you don't have enough women you must play short and will get an automatic out when that position is reached in the batting order. If you play with fewer than 10 players but have at least 4 women you do not have to take an automatic out. One of the players must be catcher.
- All players can kick but no more than 2 MEN can kick in a row. Women can re-kick if necessary, after the minimum of four women have kicked (or automatic outs have been received for missing women).
- The kicking order cannot change but you can change the fielders as long as you keep 4 women in the field.
- Only players who are paid league members may play in a game. All players must have signed the official Kickball waiver form.
- All players must be at least 18 years of age and wear their official league-issued shirts to play in a game.
- Players that arrive after the start of the game and after all other players on the kicking team have already kicked once may only be used as substitutes for players of the same gender.

REGULATION GAMES:

- Games will last for **7 innings**. When game time has reached fifty minutes, one more full inning will be played (the game will be shortened if necessary).
- Unlike baseball, there are no extra innings; the game can end in a tie.
- There is a limit of 7 runs per inning except for the last inning.

PITCHING/CATCHING:

- Pitching must be underhand only.
- **The count begins at 1 ball, 1 strike.**
- If the ball is bouncing higher than 1 foot off the ground (as measured from the bottom of the ball) when it reaches the plate then it is a ball; however, the kicker does have the option of kicking it if he/she wishes.
- The pitcher must stay inside the pitching area on the mound until the ball is kicked.
- No fielder may advance forward the 1st-3rd base diagonal until the ball is kicked.
- If a pitcher or fielder makes an out by illegally advancing beyond the 1st-3rd base diagonal, the runner will be declared safe.

KICKING:

- All kicks must be made by foot (below the knee).
- All kicks must be taken at or behind the home plate.
- The ball must be kicked past a line that is 10 feet from the plate. The ball must stay beyond the line to be fair. If the ball is fielded before it reaches this line, it is in play and considered fair.
- If a player double-kicks the ball accidentally and the ball is still in the kicker's box, the kick is considered a foul, and therefore, a strike.
- If a player double-kicks the ball accidentally and the ball is in fair territory, the kicker is out.

RUNNING:

- Runners must stay within the base line.
- Fielders must stay out of the base line unless they are attempting to tag the runner or catch the kicked ball.
- If a fielder attempts to physically obstruct a runner from advancing, the runner may advance as many bases as they would have potentially earned had they been able to run unobstructed.
- It is the responsibility of the runner to avoid a collision. Please save yourself and your opponents from injury by paying attention.
- Neither leading off base, nor stealing a base is allowed. A runner leading off base before the ball is kicked is out.
- Hitting a runner with the ball above shoulder level is not allowed and the runner is safe and advances one (1) base.
- All ties will go to the runner.

FOULS:

- A foul counts as a strike even on the third strike.
- A foul is: Kick landing out of bounds; A kick landing in bounds, but traveling out of bounds on its own before reaching first or third base (any ball touching a fielder in fair territory is automatically in play); A kick that does not meet the minimum kick requirement (10 foot line).

OUTS:

- A count of three (3) outs by a team completes the team's half of the inning.
- An out is: Count of three (3) strikes; A runner touched by the ball at ANY time while not on base; A runner who is on the same base with another runner and is tagged with the ball; Any kicked ball (fair or foul) that is caught; A ball tag on a base to which a runner is forced to run; A runner leading off base before a ball is kicked. Hitting the base with the ball does NOT count as an out.

BALL IN PLAY:

- Once a member of the fielding team has the ball in control and is inside the pitching box, the play is over. Play will resume once the next pitch is thrown.

OTHER RULES:

- If a rule is not otherwise stated here standard softball rules hold.
- There is NO Infield Fly Rule. There are no errors.