

TOURNAMENT FORMAT:

Co-Ed Kickball is a friendly game similar to Slow Pitch Softball. The object of the game is to score more runs than the opposing team. You must be 13 years old or older to play. It is played with 10 to 12 players which half must be female. You can bat all 12 players. You must have 10 players on the field when it is your turn to play defense (1 pitcher, 1 catcher, 4 infielders, and 4 outfielders). All games will consist of 45 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first. No new innings will begin after 40 minutes into the game. Captains must present their line ups to the score keeper before the official game time. The roster you submit at the beginning of the day is the roster you must use all day. No picking up extra players after you start. Clock starts at game time and will begin once both teams are ready for play. A forfeit is called at 5 minutes after the game start time if a team or teams do not have enough players to start.

OFFENSE:

1. There may be up to 12 players in the kicking order. You must kick to a male to female ratio.
2. Changes to the kicking order are not permitted once they have been submitted to the score keeper. Courtesy runners for injured players are allowed but must be of the same sex.
3. The strike zone is 42" across. Balls pitched with excessive speed or bounce will be called an automatic "ball" by the umpire. The ball cannot be kicked in front of the home plate line, this will be called an illegal kick and a strike will be called. If the defensive team catches the illegally kicked ball, the batter will be called out. Once the kicker reaches three strikes they will be out. Three foul balls will be a strikeout. If the kicker gets four balls they will automatically go to first base.
4. The ball can be thrown at the runner to be out. The ball must hit the runner at the shoulders or below. A runner hit in the head will NOT be ruled out, UNLESS the runner slides or ducks to avoid the throw.
5. There is NO BUNTING ALLOWED. Any bunts will be called an automatic out by the umpire. A bunt will be called at the determination of the umpire and only if he/she feels the kicker didn't follow through fully.
6. Base runners may not steal, lead off, or advance until the ball has been kicked. Violation of this rule will result in a dead ball base runner being out.
7. Base runners struck with a kicked ball that has deflected off of a defensive player shall be ruled out. Base runners may not interfere with a defensive player trying to field a ball. Violation of this rule will result in a dead ball runner out. If a base runner is standing on the base and is struck by a kicked ball they ARE NOT out, however the ball is live and playable. An umpire being struck by a kicked ball is part of the field and the ball will remain in play if in bounds.

DEFENSE:

1. There must be a 50/50 ratio on the field between male and females. 3 males & 3 females in the infield & 2 males & 2 females in the outfield. Substitutes are allowed on the field during the game of the same sex.
2. Outfielders must start in the outfield grass before the ball is kicked. The umpire will warn outfielders to move back if deemed too close, the second offense will result in an automatic single for the kicker.
3. All infield players must be in a normal defensive position until the ball is kicked. The pitcher and all defensive players cannot charge the kicker until the ball has been kicked. The Umpire will give one warning and a second offense will result in an automatic single for the kicker.

4. Defensive players must give the runners room to run to the next base not blocking the baseline or the base itself. If the defensive player doesn't give the runner sufficient space in the baseline, or on the base, the umpire will rule in favor of the runner by default and will award the runner the base in question.
5. The defensive player can throw the ball at the runner to gain an out. The runner will be called out if the thrown ball hits them in the air or is bounced and hits him/her. The thrown ball must hit the runner at the shoulders or below, runner is not out if hit in the head area UNLESS the runner slides or ducks to avoid the thrown ball.
6. On an overthrown ball that results in the ball going outside of the playing field the runner will advance a minimum of 1 base or awarded bases by the umpire's discretion.
7. There is NO infield fly rule in kickball.

CONCLUSION:

1. We enforce a "Zero Tolerance Policy" in regards to behavior of players, managers, and fans. Taunting, trash talking, or abusive language will not be tolerated. Umpires and tournament staff will have the right to reprimand or eject players, managers, or fans depending on the severity of the situation. Abusive behavior toward the umpire will not be tolerated. An ejection carries a two game suspension (including the current game). In extreme cases, the player will be asked to leave the premises without refund. The severity of the punishment will be based on the discretion of the umpire and tournament staff. Only **CAPTAINS** of respective teams are allowed to approach the umpire with questions or concerns in a respective manner. Players charging an umpire to question or complain a call will be subject to automatic ejection or team forfeit for that game.
2. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed on playing fields.
3. Any rules not covered or protests will be handled by the Tournament Director.
4. Kickball is played in the rain if at all possible unless the Tournament Director or Facility Representative decides it is necessary to postpone due to dangerous field conditions or lightning. If lightning occurs, all attempts will be made to resume play 30 minutes after the last lightning flash is viewed and the Tournament Director deems it safe to resume play. The games will resume as scheduled if at all possible, or shortened if nightfall is imminent.
5. All decisions of the Tournament Director are final. The Tournament Director shall also have the final authority to make adjustments to match schedules, match duration, and other aspects of the tournament as may become necessary during the course of the tournament.

FIGHTING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. ANY INSTANCES OF FIGHTING MAY RESULT IN A TEAM FORFEIT OF THE TOURNAMENT WITHOUT REFUND AND POSSIBLE EXPULSIONS FROM FUTURE TOURNAMENTS.