



## KICKBALL RULES

### Format:

- 8 players (4 male + 4 female)
  - May play with 7 players (3 male + 3 female min.)
  - May play with a minimum of 6 players (3 male + 3 female)
  - Substitute players are ENCOURAGED.
- Double-Elimination Tournament
- 5 inning games, no new innings after 35-minute time limit
- **Extra Innings** – If game is tied at the end of 5 innings, or after time expires: Game will be modified to 1-pitch, and the player who recorded the last out in the previous inning will start on 2<sup>nd</sup> base.

### Equipment:

- NO CLEATS ALLOWED – Tennis Shoes ONLY
- Game ball will be provided.

### Sport Specific Rules:

- **Batting**
  - The batting order must alternate male/female/male/female
  - 3-Pitch Rule
    - A member of your team will pitch to your batters.
    - You will receive a maximum of 3 pitches per at bat. One of them must be in play (not a foul ball) or you will be declared out.
  - You may only have 8 players in the batting order at a time.
  - The pitcher can be substituted at any time.
  - Base runners must “give up” or slide. MAY NOT run over the fielder.
  - If the ball strikes the pitcher off the kick, the batter is out.
  - Courtesy runners may be used once per inning (must be same sex).
    - If courtesy runner is in batting order, and is still on base for their turn to bat, their at-bat will be declared an out.
  - Bunting is NOT ALLOWED.
  - All kicks must occur at or behind home plate. Kicks made in front of the plate will be declared foul, and count as 1 of your 3 available pitches.
- **Fielding**
  - There are no restrictions regarding player positioning on the field
  - The runner has a right to the base path. If a fielder disrupts a runners path to the base, the runner will automatically be awarded that base.
  - Runner will be awarded one base on an overthrow out of play.
  - Fielders can record an out in any of the following ways:
    - Catching a fly ball
    - Stepping on lead base while in possession of the ball
    - Tagging batter/runner with the ball while not on base
    - Striking batter/runner with the ball, below the neck, while not on base
      - If the batter/runner is struck by the ball in the head/neck area while sliding, ducking, or dodging the ball, the runner will be declared out.



## **KICKBALL RULES cont.**

- **Other**
  - **Bunt Line (NEW FOR 2019)**
    - The bunt line is a horizontal line in front of the pitchers mound that extends to the baseline on either side of the field.
    - Batters: In order for a Kick to be legal (not a bunt) the ball must roll on or past the bunt line before coming to a complete stop.
    - Fielders: May not move in front of the bunt line until the ball is kicked. If the ball is touched by a fielder inside the zone before it comes to a complete stop, the ball is live and in play. The fielder can choose to make a play on the ball, or take a chance the ball will stop before the bunt line.
  - **Substitution Rule** – players may substitute during the middle of any inning. Players that substitute must remain in/out for one full inning.
  - In case of inclement weather, tournament will be modified to 3 innings.
  - **Mercy Rule** – A team leading by 10 or more runs after 3 innings will be declared winner
  - **Inning Run Limit** – A team may only score a maximum of 10 runs per inning
    - Exception: Team can score unlimited runs in the Final Inning.
  - **Late Team / Forfeit Rule**
    - A team will receive a 10-minute grace period to take the field for their first game only

***After your first two rounds, game times are subjected to change. If not present at the start of your game, your game will be forfeited.***

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