



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 2nd base.

Equipment:

- NO METAL CLEATS ALLOWED – Rubber & Molded Cleats 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.

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- **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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