# Kickball Rules Carson City Parks and Recreation



### <u>Rosters</u>

Rosters must be submitted to the athletics office or field supervisor before the first game. Schedules, Standings, League information is all available at carson.org/ccpr.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

## **BEHAVIOR AND SPORTSMANSHIP**

It is every player's responsibility to know the rules and abide by them. It is also every player's responsibility to respect and cooperate with the officials. It is the responsibility of the team manager to insure proper behavior on the part of his/her team's fans. The team manager is ultimately responsible to the CCPR staff for all of the above. All infractions will be governed by the Players Code of Conduct.

#### <u>GENERAL</u>

Conversations with officials will be kept to a minimum. Team managers, and only team managers, may address the officials. Managers may only address matters of rule interpretation or essential game information and must do so in a courteous manner. Any verbalization directed toward an official other than that outlined above, will result in possible dismissal from the contest, league, or any CCPR related activity.

#### TIME LIMIT

7 innings or 60 minutes whichever comes first. Extra innings: maximum of 2 extra innings per game if time permits. No NEW inning will start after 60 minutes. Once an inning has started, it must be finished regardless of whether or not it has passed the time limit. No time limit during playoffs.

#### <u>EQUIPMENT</u>

- 1. CCCPR will provide a kickball.
- 2. Athletic footwear, no open toed shoes or flip flops allowed.
- 3. No jewelry please, players will be asked to remove jewelry if noticed.

#### **UMPIRE**

One umpire will be provided by CCPR

#### Team Requirements while kicking

1. Teams may have an unlimited number of "kickers", but must at least have seven in order to

start a game. Teams may add players anytime during the game, but place them at the

bottom of the lineup

- 2. In Co-Rec, males and females may kick in any order in the line-up
- 3. A team may not kick fewer players than they have in the field. 10 players in the field means

at least 10 players in the lineup

#### Team Requirements while in the field

1. Teams may play up to 10 in the field (four outfielders, four infielders, defensive pitcher,

catcher), but must have at least seven to start the game.

2. Team in the field will provide a defensive pitcher.

3. A team cannot have more males than females in the field at any time while also ensuring they have seven total players at least to start the game.

#### **Substitutions**

1. Free substitution is allowed for all players in the field

2. Substitutions are allowed for kickers provided the sub occupies the same position in the

batting order that has been vacated. Once a player has been replaced in the kicking order,

they may kick again only if they return to the position in the order that they vacated.

3. A base runner may be replaced by a courtesy runner who made the last kicked out. If a player leaves the game due to injury and there is no player to replace that person, the team will be credited with an out one time and there will no further penalty.

4. If a player is thrown out of the game and there is no player to replace that person, the team will be credited with an out every time that player's batting position comes up.

#### <u>Kicking</u>

1. The kicker will get two pitches thrown to them by their own pitcher. If the ball is kicked into foul territory, the kicker will receive one more pitch. One the second attempt, the kicker will be declared out if he/she kicks another foul ball.

2. In order to be considered a fair ball, the ball must be within the baselines and also the imaginary line that exists between 1st and 3rd base. A kicked ball that comes to rest before the imaginary line, without being touched by a player in the field, will result in a foul ball. Once a fielder touches a kicked ball in fair territory (between the baselines), it automatically becomes a live ball.

3. A kick that is judged to be intentionally kicked short of the imaginary line between 1st and 3rd base will be deemed a "bunt" and ruled a foul ball. Bunts will be called solely at the discretion of the official.

4. All kicks must be taken before the kick line, the plant foot must be on or behind the line.by the umpire as out of the box will be ruled as a foul ball and if caught by a fielder, an out.Kicking out of the box is determined at the sole discretion of the umpire.

#### <u>Running</u>

1. No stealing is allowed, runners may leave the base when the ball is kicked. If a runner is off the base before a pitch is kicked, the runner will be called out and a no-pitch will be declared by the Official.

3. A runner who is in fair territory and is struck by a kicked ball will be called out. An immediate dead ball should be called, the runner will be out, and the kicker will be awarded first base.

4. A fielder can not obstruct (get in the way of) the path of a base runner unless he/she is in possession of or is making a play on the ball.

5. NO SLIDING ALLOWED. Sliding will result in automatic out of the runner.

6. There is no infield fly rule.

#### **Fielding**

1. All fielder must remain behind the imaginary line that exists between 1st and 3rd base until the ball is kicked.

2. Runners may be put out in one of three ways:

a. A fielder tags the base that a runner is being forced to

b. A fielder uses the ball to tag a runner before that runner reaches a base

c. A fielder throws the ball and hits a runner before that runner reaches a base

3. Hitting a runner with the ball above the shoulders is illegal. A runner will be ruled safe and will advance 1 extra base, with the following exceptions.

a. IF, in the Officials opinion, the runner intentionally uses their head to block a thrown ball

b. IF, in the Officials opinion, the runner ducks and this action results in getting hit in the head.

#### **Protests**

1. There are no official protests in Kickball.

2. All judgment calls will stand. Only rule interpretation calls may be contested; all protests will be handled by the on-site Field Supervisor.

#### **Game Forfeiture**

As a courtesy to opposing teams, we ask that any team that knows they will not have enough players to play a game call the Athletics office so that the opposing team can be notified. Teams that forfeit multiple games may be subject to dismissal from the league.