

# City of Petaluma Kickball Rules

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

• Season Start Date: Friday, May 2, 2025

• Location: Petaluma Miracle Field

• Season Structure: 8-game regular season, followed by playoffs

• Game Format: Co-ed, 10 vs. 10

# **REGISTRATION PROCEDURES**

- Online Registration: All teams must register online at secure.rec1.com/CA/petaluma-ca/catalog and submit an initial roster with a minimum of 8 players to the League Coordinator.
- 2. Registration Deadline: Friday, April 8, 2025.

# **TEAM & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- Age Requirement: All players must be at least 18 years old.
- **Single-Team Participation**: Players can only participate on one team throughout the season, including playoffs. Violation results in forfeiture of games and suspension for the season.
- **Roster Verification**: Player eligibility will be confirmed by picture ID (e.g., driver's license) at the first game.
- **Playoff Eligibility**: Players must participate in at least 4 regular season games to be eligible for playoffs.
- Subs: If any team does not have enough to field a 10-person team, a non roster player may play in the game. Subs can not pitch

#### **TEAM ROSTERS**

• Roster Limits: Maximum of 15 players per team; minimum of 8 players.

- **Game Minimum**: Teams must have at least 8 players (4 females minimum) to start a game.
- · Guest Players: Not permitted.

# **GAME RULES**

#### 1. Match Format:

- Games are 7 innings or 45 minutes, whichever comes first.
- Games tied at the end of regulation proceed to a single extra inning (no time limit). If still tied, the game ends in a draw (regular season only).
- o Minimum of 8 players on the defense with a maximum of 10

# 2. Field Setup:

- Bases are 60 feet apart.
- o Pitcher's mound is 42 feet from home plate.

# 3. Pitching & Kicking:

- Underhand pitching only.
- The kicker must kick within the designated kicking box.
- o Foul balls: 3 fouls equal an out.

# 4. Running & Scoring:

- No sliding or diving into bases (automatic out).
- Runners must stay within base paths; veering outside results in an out.
- o Overthrows: One base awarded on overthrows out of play.
- 5. **Substitutions**: Unlimited substitutions are allowed. Players may re-enter the game.
- 6. Mercy Rule: If a team is leading by 12+ runs after 4 innings, the game ends early.
- 7. Defense: There must be two men and two women in both the infield and the outfield, and one man and one woman as pitcher/or catcher until the ball is hit.
- 8. **Defense:** There can never be more men than women on defense.
- 9. **Lineup:** Batting order must alternate between sexes whenever possible.

- 10. **Batting:** Any walk to a male batter will result in a two base award. The next batter (female) will bat. Exception: with two outs a female has the option to bat or walk.
- 11. **Lineup:** If a female's departure from the game or a late arriving male leaves two consecutive male batters, there will be an automatic out between male batters.
- 12. **Runners:** Courtesy runners for Co-Rec games must be the same sex as the runner being replaced.
- 13. No leading off any base

#### WAYS TO GET RUNNERS OUT

- **Pitcher Poison w/ Male Kicker:** pitcher gets the ball before the runner gets to first base
- **Pitcher Poison w/ Female Kicker:** Pitcher must get the ball and tag the pitchers mound before the runner gets to first base
- **Pegging the Runner:** When throwing the ball at the runner you can only hit them on the chest, back, arms & no lower than the knees. (the ball can not bounce when pegging a runner)
- Tagging the runner with the ball
- **Force Out:** before the runner gets to the base, the defender must have possession of the ball and must tag the base

# **EQUIPMENT & UNIFORMS**

- Ball: An official kickball provided by the league will be used for all games.
- Footwear: Rubber-soled shoes; no cleats.
- **Team Uniforms**: Matching shirts are encouraged but not required.

# **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

- 1. **Sportsmanship**: All players, coaches, and spectators are expected to respect officials, opponents, and teammates. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in ejection.
- 2. **Alcohol & Drug Policy**: No alcohol or drugs are allowed at the field. Players under the influence will be ejected.

3. **Prohibited Actions**: Physical aggression, abusive language, or intentional harm will result in immediate ejection and potential suspension.

# LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

- Players, coaches, and spectators must maintain a positive and respectful environment.
- Disputes should be addressed respectfully through team captains.
- The league reserves the right to suspend or remove teams/individuals for serious infractions.

# **COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

- Standings: Teams are ranked based on wins, losses, and ties.
- **Playoffs**: Top 4 teams advance to playoffs; ties in standings are broken by run differential.
- Championship: Single elimination; no time limit in playoff games.