

City League Kickball Rules

GAME INFORMATION:

- Games will last 55 minutes or 7 innings.
 - ✓ No new inning will start after 55 minutes.
- The count begins at 1 ball, 1 strike.
 - ✓ If the game enters extra innings each kicker will have a 3 ball 2 strike count.
- A count of 3 outs by a team completes the teams half of the inning.

GENERAL RULES:

- The official batting order must be provided to the scorekeeper 15 minutes before the start of the game.
- Players must be in the dugout prior to start of game to be counted
- Any team that is not ready to take the field within 5 minutes after the scheduled kick off time shall forfeit the match.
 - ✓ 3 forfeits will get your team out of the league.
- Protest before 3 innings
- All players must always carry State ID in case of protest or checking age.
 - ✓ Underage player caught playing will cost the team a forfeit.
- No children allowed in dug outs.
- No dogs allowed in dug outs (working dog/ allowed with paperwork).
- No videos recording of games is allowed Oust team pictures after league is over).

PARK RULES:

- Zero tolerance bad language.
- No smoking or chewing tobacco/ No alcoholic beverages in kickball complex.
 - ✓ If caught leads to one-week suspension or more)

WEBSITE

- Rain out or cancelation of games will be posted on the home page.
- Team schedules can be found at: **teamsideline.com/mcallen**

UNIFORM:

- No bandanas / No jewelry (wedding ring optional)
- Facemasks recommended
- T-shirt same color with decal
 - ✓ NO EXCEPTION BY WEEK 3 (nor any inside-out shirts)

TEAMS/LINEUPS:

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- **Defense** - 10 players on the field
 - ✓ Minimum of 8 players with at least 4 women on the field at all times.
 - One of the players must be catcher.
 - ✓ You can change the fielders as long as you keep 4 women in the field.
 - ✓ The infield must always have at least 2 females
- **Offense** - The kicking order must remain staggered male/female until all females are in the lineup.
 - ✓ All roster (listed as starters) players in the dugout must kick.
 - ✓ If the male/female alternating line-up cannot be followed due to a lack of female players, no more than two sets of males can kick consecutively.
 - This may affect rule of all players in dugout must kick.
 - Players affected by the provision may be substituted for other male players in their regular line-up position.
 - ✓ The kicking order cannot change.

PITCHING/CATCHING:

- If the pitch touches the line around the plate, it is a strike.
- Pitching must be underhand only. (below waist on release)
- The pitcher must stay behind the line running from 1st base to 3rd base until the ball is kicked.
 - ✓ If the pitcher crosses over this line, a ball will be called.
- No bouncing of the ball to the kicker higher than one foot (as measured from the bottom of the ball).
 - ✓ If the ball is bouncing higher than 1 foot off the ground when it reached the plate then it is a ball; however, the kicker does have the option of kicking if he/she wishes.
- No field player may cross the diagonal line running from 1st to 3rd base until the ball is kicked
 - ✓ If a pitcher or fielder makes an Out, but illegally advanced beyond the 1st to 3rd base diagonal line (20ft arch from plate), the runner will be declared safe.
 - ✓ However, anyone can field a ball.
- The catcher must be positioned at least 3 feet from the kicker and behind the plate until the ball is kicked.
 - ✓ The catcher cannot interfere with the kicker.

BALL IN PLAY:

Once the pitcher has the ball in control and is inside the area of control, the play is over. Play will resume once the next pitch is thrown.

KICKING:

- All kicks must be made by foot. A kick is defined by a full extension of the leg towards the ball. Any players making less than a full extension may be called for bunting by the umpire.

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- All kicks must be taken at or behind the home plate or a strike will be called.
- If the ball is kicked in front of the home plate and the kick is caught "out" by a fielder (or a force out occurs), the kicker is out.
- Males must kick the ball past the 1st - 3rd baseline.
 - ✓ No bunting is allowed.
 - ✓ Any kick that does not reach this line will be considered a foul.
 - ✓ If the ball fielded before it reaches this line, it is in play considered fair.
- Females must kick the ball past a line that is 20 feet from the plate.
 - ✓ If the ball is fielded before it reaches this line, it is in the play and considered fair.
- Kickers may not stop the ball with their foot and then kick it.
- Everybody kicking on bench (13 or more players) only one sub entry.
- If a male kicker is walked, the next kicker will be given a free base if the player is female. (optional to kick)
- The kicker must take the kickers position in the batter box within 10 seconds after being directed to do so by the umpire [Rule 7 Sec.3 (c)] (effect strike on kicker (no pitch has to be throw).
- A Foul is:
 - ✓ Kick landing out of bounds.
 - ✓ A kick landing in-bounds, but traveling out of bounds on its own before reaching first or third base (any ball touching a fielder in fair territory is automatically in play).
 - ✓ A kick that does not meet the minimum kick requirement { 1st - 3rd base diagonal for males, 20- foot line for females).

RUNNING:

- Runners must stay within the base line.
- No pinch runners allowed.
- Fielders must stay out of the base line unless they are attempting to tag the runner or catch the kicked ball.
 - ✓ If a fielder attempts to physically obstruct a runner from advancing, the runner may advance as many bases as the would have potentially earned had they been able to run unobstructed. This is a judgement call by the official.
 - Note: It is the responsibility of the runner to avoid a collision. Please save yourself and your opponents from injury by paying attention
- Fielders trying to make an out on base may have their foot on base (except for first),but must lean out of the baseline.
- Ties go to the runner there is no need to takeout the baseman.
- Neither leading off base, nor stealing a base is allowed.
 - ✓ A runner leading off base before the ball is kicked is Out.
- No sliding allowed.
- Hitting a runner with the ball above shoulder is not allowed and the runner is safe and advances one (1) base except for the following situations:
 - ✓ If the runner intentionally uses the head to block the ball, and is so called by the official,

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in which case the runner is Out.

- ✓ If the runner is ducking, diving or sliding {i.e. attempting to dodge the ball) and is hit in the head because of this, it is an Out.
 - It is the umpire's judgement (If the safe runner will/will not advance extra base.
- If the runner intentionally hits or kicks the ball out of bounds after being tagged out, the ball is dead and all runners must return to their original bases.
- Only when a fly ball, the runner may tag up and leave base as soon as the ball is touched by a member of the fielding team.
- When two runners are on the same base at the same time, the fielder has the choice of tagging either runner with the ball.
 - ✓ The runner who is tagged is out and the other runner is safe and may stay on the base.

OUTS:

The following are considered outs:

- Count of 3 strikes.
- A runner touched by the ball at any time while not on base.
- A runner who is on the same base with another runner is tagged with the ball.
- Any kicked ball (fair or foul) that is caught.
- A ball tag on a base to which a runner is forced to run.
- A runner leading off base when a ball is kicked.
- Throwing the ball at a runner.
 - ✓ Must be aerial to be considered an out.
 - ✓ Hitting the ground and rebounding to touch the player is NOT considered an out.

The following are NOT considered outs:

- Hitting the base with the ball does NOT count as an out.
 - ✓ The fielder must hit the runner with the ball or maintain control of the ball on the base on a force out.
- Kicking the ball from the ground to touch a player is NOT an out. (at no time may the ball touch the ground).

Other Rules:

- Managers or assistant managers are the only ones that approach an umpire (question or clarification of play on field)
- Coaches are responsible for controlling their team and having them on the field ready to play.
- We are adults, please act like it.
- Any type of threat towards umpire or staff member, automatically suspended for a year.
 - ✓ Player must appeal within 3 business days.
- Coaches are responsible for keeping track of the batting order, inning and score in their

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score books.

- ✓ League will provide official scorekeepers.
- There is NO infield Fly Rule
- The official game referees/umpires have the final ruling; however, the league coordinator or coaches may be consulted concerning the official rules.
- Game referees may make judgement calls.
 - ✓ You cannot protest judgement calls!
 - ✓ Constant questioning judgement calls will get you EJECTED from the game.
- Some fields will have out of bounds areas. The umpire will declare these areas before the start of each game. If the ball enters one of these areas, the ball is dead, and play will stop.
 - ✓ Extra bases may be awarded depending on the particular field. Check with your field leader for details.

Forfeited Games: (Rule 5 Sec. 4)

- If an umpire is physically attacked by any team/spectator.
- Failure to appear on the field. (one side fails to resume playing within 2 minutes after "play ball" has been declared by the umpire)
- Team employs tactics noticeably designed to delay or hasten the game
- After a warning by the umpire, any rules of the game are willfully violated.
- If the order of ejection of a game participant is not obeyed within 1 minute.

FIELD:

- The kickball diamond is a square with equal sides of 60 feet.
- The distance from home plate to second base and first base to third base is 84 feet 10 ¼ inches.
- The center of the pitching area is in the center of the diamond, 42 feet 5 1/8 inches and directly aligned with the first base/third base diagonal (first/third base diagonal is marked with a dotted line) {20ft arch from home plate for females}.
- The strike zone extends to 1 foot on either side of home plate, and 1-foot high. There will be a box around the plate {1 foot on all sides} which marks the strike zone. If any part of the ball falls within the zone or hits the line, then it is a strike.