



City of Edwardsville Parks and Recreation Coed Adult Kickball Rules

League

1. Each team will play 1-2 games per night.
2. The most a team will wait to play is 1 game in between.
3. We will have 7 weeks of regular season with each team playing 10 total games.
4. The top 4 teams will make playoffs and play the championship bracket on week 8.
5. No personal alcohol will be tolerated at the park. If you would like to drink, please take advantage of our drink specials every game night.
6. All disputes must be directed to the league supervisor, Canee' Brown.

Equipment

1. The ball used for the league will be a standard old school-style 10-inch kickball.
2. No metal cleats allowed, only molded cleats or tennis shoes are permitted on the field of play.
3. Teams must wear same color or matching shirts. All attire must be appropriate and family friendly.

Game

1. Good sportsmanship is vital to the league and is expected from all participants. A team is responsible for the actions of all individual team members before, during, and after the game. Those individuals not showing sportsman-like behavior are subject to ejection. If ejected, the individual must leave the premises.
2. The officials call is final.
 - a. Any arguing with the officials can result in ejection from the game.
3. Line up cards must be completed and turned into the scorekeeper 5 minutes before scheduled game time.
 - a. Officials will have lineup cards on site for each captain to fill out prior to game start.
4. Games will be 7 innings or 45 minutes with games starting at **6:15 PM**.
5. Kicking order must alternate genders and follow the lineup that is turned in before each game. The same Gender cannot kick more than 2 times in a row.
6. If a game is tied at 7 innings or a complete inning after time expires, each team will be allowed their turn to kick with the last kicker of the previous inning being awarded second base in the extra inning (International Tie-Breaker). The game shall continue until a winner is declared.
7. A 5-minute grace period will be enacted for any team running late to games. The umpire will start a 5-minute countdown at the scheduled game time. If the amount of players needed to start isn't met by then, the game will be forfeited.

Taking the Field

1. There must be at least three women in the infield, and at least one of them must be pitching or catching. Outfielders must remain on the grass until the ball has been kicked.
 - a. You can have a woman pitching and catching at the same time.
2. Pitchers have to deliver the ball with one foot inside the pitching circle.
 - a. The ball must be rolling without excessive speed/bouncing before reaching home plate to be counted as a fair pitch.
 - b. All pitches must be UNDERHAND at a reasonable speed– no overhand or sidearm.
 - c. When pitching, the ball must not be pitched with side spin or bounced.
 - d. The ball must cross the plate within a foot on either side. The ball may not be more than 1 foot off the ground as it crosses the plate (bouncy).
 - e. Failure to pitch correctly will result in a re-kick
3. The kicker's foot must follow through completely and not stop when the ball is kicked or a foul ball will be called. The kicker must run to first base after any ball that is kicked. Foul lines extend out from first and third base, and a ball must be inside these lines to be in play (otherwise, it is foul). If a ball clears the outfield fence for a home run, the kicker and all runners on base run the bases unopposed to home plate. One run is scored every time a runner reaches home.
4. The ball must be on or across the beginning of the batter's box before it can be kicked. If kicked in front of the box, the umpire will call dead ball and the kicker will be charged with a foul ball. If kicked behind the batter's box, it will be considered a foul ball.
5. Offensive players must remain on their base and not advance until the ball is kicked. If a base runner leaves before the ball is kicked, they will be ruled out.
6. **Bunting is not allowed**
 - a. The kicker attempting to bunt will be charged a foul ball based on umpire's judgment.
 - i. The umpire judgement will come from the ball speed as it passes an imaginary line from 1st to 3rd base, the number of bounces the ball takes to cross the imaginary line, as well as the kicker's leg being at full extension during the kick.
7. A player will be ruled out if:
 - a. They kick two foul balls or,
 - b. They bunt twice (bunts count as a foul ball),
 - c. They get hit by the ball from the shoulders or below before reaching the base or,
 - i. A player who is hit in the face/head while bending down to avoid getting hit will be ruled out
 - d. They are involved in a force out or,
 - e. A pop fly is caught or,
 - f. The base runner is off of the base before the ball is put into play by the kicker.
8. Base runners must attempt to avoid the tag of a fielder who has the ball waiting to tag the runner. No "bowling over" players. If the umpire rules the contact was flagrant, the runner will be declared out and may be ejected from the game if deemed severe.
9. Base stealing is not allowed.

10. Courtesy runners are allowed. The offensive player that was the last out will sub in to be the base runner.
11. There is no infield fly rule.
12. Only the team captain can address the official on matters of interpretation or to obtain information.
13. Base runners cannot advance if the pitcher has the ball inside the pitching circle
 - a. If the pitcher catches the ball inside the pitching circle the base runner will go to the base they are nearest.
14. Infielders shall not stand in the base line while runners are on base or in front of the imaginary line between 1st and 3rd base while a kicker is up to kick.

Substitutes and Rosters

1. Teams must field a minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 10. Rosters may not exceed 25.
 - a. Line-ups have to follow an opposite gender order (Male-Female-Male).
 - b. Teams will be allowed a double gender one time in the line up. After that if teams do not have enough players, it will be considered an out.
 - c. Rosters will be given out via email and need to be turned in by the first games. Edits to the rosters can be made through the last week of play.
2. Teams must field the exact number of players of each gender.
3. Players are allowed to play on one team. Playing on multiple teams in the same division is not allowed.
4. All participants must be 18 years of age or older

The Field

15. Bases will be placed 65 feet apart.
16. The distance of the pitching mound is 43 feet from home plate.
17. We will have 1 umpire per field to officiate the game. They will stand along the 3rd base foul line.

Playoffs

1. A participant has to play in at least 3 innings and be rostered to be eligible to play in playoffs.
2. The top 4 teams will make playoffs.
 - a. The 1 and 4 seed will play against each other
 - b. The 2 and 3 seed will play against each other
 - c. League standings will be decided in the following order:
 - i. Win – Loss record
 - ii. Head to head record
 - iii. Runs scored head to head
 - iv. Runs against head to head
 - v. Overall runs scored
 - vi. Overall runs against