



2017 ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE Playing Rules and Regulations

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A. General Play

1. All players must be at least 18 years of age to play.
2. Close calls are decided by Paper-Rock-Scissors by the two players concerned. There are NO protests.
3. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in our public parks.
4. Athletic shoes are required. Rubber cleats are allowed, but NO metal cleats.
5. All games are 7 innings in length OR 1 hour (whichever occurs first); Games will begin as scheduled or immediately following the proceeding game. No new inning will begin after 1 hour of playing time.
6. Mercy Rule: 15 runs or more after 5 innings OR trailing team may concede at any point.
7. Record Tie Breaker is Head to Head first. We will have tied teams play a short 3 inning game on the last evening if they are still tied.
8. Follow the general rules of ASA softball.
9. No abusive or foul language permitted.
10. No smoking or tobacco products are permitted.

B. Defensive Rules

1. A team needs a minimum of 8 players / maximum of 12 players on the field at one time. **Teams may play with as few as 7 players.** Minimum of **2 females** must be on the offensive roster. Minimum of **2 females** must be on the defensive roster.
2. You do not need to have the same number of players on defense as your opponent.
3. Offensive and Defensive lineups are independent of one another. You can have everyone 'bat' but may play a maximum of 12 in the field (**2 of which must be female**). Kickers must 'bat' in the order they are listed.
4. **Fielders must stay behind the pitcher's rubber and bases until the ball is kicked.** The only exception is the catcher, who must be behind home plate until the ball is kicked. The pitcher should have one foot on the pitcher's rubber until the ball is kicked.
5. **The pitcher must attempt to ROLL the ball.** The ball should be rolled within a foot of home plate. A ball that is bouncing or excessively rolled may be refused by the batter at no penalty.
6. Outs are recorded by strike outs, caught fly balls, force outs, or bean balls. Bean balls must hit the runner on the shoulder or below.
7. All head shots are called safe and awarded the base.
8. There is no infield fly rule.
9. Foul-Fair balls are called by the catcher.

C. Offensive Rules

1. Kickers must be on or behind home plate when kicking the ball. If a player kicks in front of the plate, then the defense may choose the result of the play or a "do over" kick where the kicking player gets one foul.
2. **Four** fouls equal one strikeout. A ball kicked off of oneself while in the act of kicking is a foul ball.
3. There is no strike zone; however, the pitcher should attempt to roll the ball within a foot of home plate. Kickers may refuse to accept a pitched (rolled) ball at any time.
4. There are no walks. This includes intentional walks.
5. All players must kick in a continuous batting order. This order should be provided to the opposing team prior to the start of the game. Please use Township-provided scorebook (located in the park attendant office).
6. Late players may be added at the end of the offensive line up.
7. Not all players have to play in the field.
8. There are no leads. A base runner cannot leave the base until the ball is kicked.
9. You must slide or surrender to avoid injury and confrontations. We do not have a "must slide" rule, BUT a runner must slide OR avoid contact. If danger exists, the runner must slide or will be called out.
10. Teams may designate one player (**Coed one player per gender**) per game for need of a courtesy runner at *anytime* during a game. Runners must be used for that designated player for the remainder of that game; however once a designated player runs for themselves, the courtesy runner is abolished. Runner must be of the same gender.

D. General Team Responsibilities

1. HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES: The home team is responsible for obtaining AND RETURNING the game ball and setting up the field if needed. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit for that game. They are also responsible for reporting the score after each game.
2. INCLIMATE WEATHER: In the event of inclement weather, **the supervisor will text managers / email managers and update the breaking news section on www.uppermorelandrec.com**. The department schedules all make-ups as time and space allow. Games may not be made up due to time constraints *Managers are responsible for checking the makeup schedule and/or contacting the office to find out when a game is being played. Failure to show up to a makeup game will result in a forfeit.*
3. PRIZES: Tee shirts will be awarded to the *league champion* team.
4. SAFETY is important. All accidents and injuries must be reported to the Masons Mill Park Office. A detailed report will then be prepared. No coverage for accidental injuries or loss-of-work time is provided.
 - Team rosters must be signed by all players prior to participating in the league...players are to participate at their own risk being aware of the hazards of playing competitive sports.
 - New players must sign the rosters prior to playing in any game. Return rosters to the park attendants OR fax or email them to our office. Our fax number is 215-659-8899 or email is kkollar@uppermoreland.org.

5. All PARK ORDINANCES will apply to all league players and spectators. These ordinances provide for citations and fines and include but are not limited to:

- No alcoholic beverages.
- No driving or parking on turf areas; park only in designated spaces.
- Proper conduct and language in public park areas.
- No littering.
- No pets
- No smoking OR tobacco products

Please inform all fans / spectators of all rules.