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## KICKBALL RULES-2016

### RULE 1 – REGULATION TEAM

- A. A regulation team shall consist of ten players. A minimum of 8 players is needed to start and continue a game. Unlimited number of female players may play offense and defense (max of 10 players). If playing with nine players, the extra player may be a male in the kicking order and on defense. If during the play of a game, an injury occurs resulting in less than 8 players, an additional male may be added to the defense in order to continue play.
- B. A team's failure to field a team within 10 minutes after the scheduled game time will result in a forfeit. Teams that do not have enough players to start will be granted a 10-minute grace period. The game time will begin running (60 minutes). If the player(s) arrive during this 10-minute period the game will start (minus the time off the clock) with opponent winning 5-0.
- C. Teams must alternate positions in the batting order male, female, male, etc. Teams may choose to "Kick the Roster". This means a team may play a maximum of 10 or minimum of 8 in the defense with an unlimited number of females or an equal number of males. (No changes when playing defense.) However, when on offense, a team can now kick all players on the bench. (You can kick 11, 12, 13, etc players) Teams must continue to maintain the male-female rotation when kicking (If there is an uneven number, the extra player may be a male-same as noted in Rule 1-A when playing with 9 players.)
- D. Males and females must alternate defensively on the infield and outfield. **MUST HAVE AT LEAST 3 DEFENSIVE PLAYERS IN THE OUTFIELD, PRIOR TO EACH OFFENSIVE KICK.**
- E. A catcher is not needed, but if the team chooses to have a catcher that player is counted as one of the 8-10 defensive players.
- F. Athletic shoes are necessary. No metal spikes or steal-toed shoes allowed. Plastic cleats are allowed (softball type shoes).

### RULE 2 – PLAYING RULES

- A. Length of a game shall be 9 innings or 60 minutes. A new inning will not be started after 60 minutes of playing time, unless the score is tied. In case of a tie, additional innings will be played until a winner is determined.
- B. There is a 10-run rule after 7 innings of play.
- C. A 10-inch playground ball will be the official ball used for the CLASSIC league and 8.5-inch for ELITE league.
- D. Team listed second on the schedule is HOME.
- E. Outs: -A count of three outs completes the team's half of the inning.  
  
-An out counts for THREE fouls, a runner touched by the ball at any time while not on base, any kicked fly ball that is caught, a ball tag on a base to which a runner is forced to run, a runner off of his/her base when the ball is kicked.
- F. A runner is out when he/she is hit by a thrown ball, below the shoulders, while attempting to advance. A runner hit above the shoulders is safe and advances one base.
- G. No bunting is allowed. A bunted kick will be considered a foul. Ball must pass pitching plate.

- H. No leading off or stealing base. A runner leaving base early will be called out.
- I. The ball is put into play when the pitcher rolls the ball towards the plate. The kicker must contact the ball from behind home plate. If they make contact in front of home plate, it will be considered a foul ball.
- J. The pitcher must roll the ball from inside the pitching circle and cannot leave the circle until the ball is kicked.
- K. There shall be no bouncies – roll the ball!
- L. After a kicked ball is caught, runners must tag their originating base before running to the next base.
- M. Infield players may not cross the base line between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, until the ball is kicked. As of 2010, 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman (only 3<sup>rd</sup> baseman) can move forward ½ way to homeplate, but no further in than the pitchers mound.**
- N. Outfielders must stay in the outfield (grass) until the ball is kicked. . MUST HAVE AT LEAST 3 DEFENSIVE PLAYERS IN THE OUTFIELD, PRIOR TO EACH OFFENSIVE KICK.**
- O. No infield fly rule.
- P. Sliding is allowed.
- Q. One base on an out of play over-throw.
- R. All ties go to the runner.
- S. Ball is considered live and play continues until the pitcher has the ball in his or her control and in the pitcher's circle. At that point the play ends and the ball is considered dead. If a runner is advancing to the next base while pitcher is gaining control of the ball and/or making way to the pitcher's circle to stop play, runner will be awarded the next base, only if he or she is past half way between bases. Umpire's discretion.
- T. Substitutions: Substitutions allowed between innings only and must be of the same gender.
- U. An obvious drop of a fly ball will be called an out. Umpire's discretion.
- V. Team with the best win/loss record, at the end of the season, will be considered the league champion. First place ties will be played off with a play-off game. If three teams tie for first place, the below format will be used.

The team that wins the below format would be given a berth in the championship game. The two other teams would play each other – winner to play the bye team for the championship of the league.

1. Head to head competition
2. Runs scored against (tied teams only)
3. Total runs scored by tied teams

### **RULE 3 - POSTPONEMENTS, FORFEITS & PROTESTS**

- A. Postponed games will be played as rescheduled by the Parks & Recreation Department.
- B. A team's failure to field a team at the scheduled game time will result in a forfeit. (See RULE 1B)

### **RULE - CONDUCT OF PLAYERS**

- A. A player guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct in connection with any game of decision may be suspended from the league, the balance of the season, or any part thereof. Recommendations for suspension shall come from the umpire in writing.
- B. The Parks & Recreation Department, in its transactions with a team, will recognize that team's manager. Make certain that the Parks & Recreation Department has the name and address of the current manager. Inform the department of any changes.
- C. DRINKING - The rules of the Neenah Parks & Recreation Commission prohibits **ANY** consumption of alcoholic beverages in any park where these leagues play.
- D. No smoking is allowed on the playing field.
- E. FOUL LANGUAGE -Upon hearing foul language by a player or coach from a team, the umpire will warn the team. On the second foul language offense, the team will be assessed an "out". The "out" will be enforced at that time if batting. If the second offense occurs while on defense, the "out" will be assessed when at next bat.