

City of Green Bay
Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department

Kickball

By-Laws



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1 – ROSTER

- 1-1 All teams must have a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 16 players registered. Additional players may be added with the approval of the Recreation Supervisor.
- 1-2 **Rosters will not be limited to the number of non-residents during open registration.**
- 1-3 The last chance a player may void a contract and sign with another team will be Friday, 12 noon during the third week of league play. Any deviation from this rule will result in the offending player being suspended until the league takes official action.
- 1-4 A participant and/or team cannot play on more than one kickball team.

2 - GAME EQUIPMENT

- 2-1 Game times for kickball teams will be 6:15, 7:15, 8:15 and 9:15 PM. All games will last 1 hour, provided 4 1/2 innings have been completed. **No new inning starts with five minutes or less remaining in the game.** Games will not end in a tie.
- 2-2 Please submit to the field supervisor your starting line-up including full names and kicking order ten minutes prior to game time. ***Do not use a player's nickname or initials. All line-ups must match the name on the roster.**
 - A. Ten players may be used per team, eight players minimum to start, and game may continue with seven players only if loss is due to injury.
 - B. If a team has ten players to start a game, infield players must be made up of two females and two males. Outfield players must be made up of two females and two males. Pitcher-catcher may be one male & one female or two females.

- C. If a team has nine players to start a game, infield players must be made up of two females and two males. Outfield players can be made up of two males or two females. Pitcher-catcher may be one male and one female or two females. *If there are more males than females, an automatic out will be given between the two male kickers.
 - D. If a team has eight players to start a game, pitcher-catcher positions must be one male and one female.
- 2-3 Game balls will be supplied by the Department. Teams will be expected to furnish their own kickball for warm-up.
- 2-4 An 8 ½" ball will be used.
- 2-5 Athletic shoes are required. Metal cleats are not allowed.

3 - GAME RULES

- 3-1 Two members of the kicking team must coach 1st and 3rd base each inning to assist in retrieving foul balls. These members should remain in the proper kicking lineup and switch with other team members when it is their turn to kick.
- 3-2 Kickers must alternate male-female if first kicker is male, female-male if first kicker is female. In the situation where there is an extra male or female (nine players), that person must kick at the bottom of the order.
- 3-3 Infield players may not cross the base line between 1st and 2nd & 2nd and 3rd until the ball is kicked. Outfielders must stay in the outfield (grass area) until the ball is kicked.
- 3-4 The pitcher must stay behind the pitching strip and the catcher may not cross home plate or the kicker, until the ball is kicked.
- 3-5 A play ends once the pitcher has the ball in control and is in the pitching mound. A runner will only be awarded the next base, if he/she is advancing while the pitcher is gaining control of the ball and is making way to the pitching mound to stop play, and he/she is past halfway between the bases.

- 3-6 Courtesy Runner - May be used in the game if both teams agree. The kicker must reach first base before a Courtesy Runner is allowed. The Courtesy Runner must be the player who has made the team's last out. (The courtesy runner must be the last female who made the out if they are replacing a female or the last male who made the out if they are replacing a male). Courtesy runners are used in the event of an injured player or other physical condition which prevents the player from running the bases.
- 3-7 No infield fly rule. An obvious drop of a fly ball will be called an out. This will be up to the supervisor's discretion.
- 3-8 If a runner is hit above the shoulders, he/she is safe and advances one base, except when the runner is sliding. If a runner intentionally uses the head or neck to block the ball, the runner is out.
- 3-9 Extra player rule for Co-Ed requires both a male and a female extra player. All twelve players must kick while any ten may play defense providing ratio of male-female defensive players remains legal.

4 - FORFEIT/RAINOUTS

- 4-1 Games will start at the scheduled time for teams having the appropriate number of players. Failure to field a team within ten minutes after the scheduled game time will result in a **FORFEIT**. The length of the game will be reduced by the amount of time needed to field a team. If the game is declared a forfeit - a practice game may be played by those present. Teams that do not have enough players to start will be granted a ten-minute grace period. If the player(s) arrive during this period, the game will start at the top of the second inning with the opponents winning 2:0.
- A. Should both teams fail to produce enough players during the ten minute grace period, a double forfeit will be declared.
- 4-2 Rainouts - All rainout games not reaching 4 ½ innings will be scheduled to be played the week following the end of the season. It is our intention to reschedule a teams rainout game on their regular scheduled night of play; however games on other nights including double header games are

possibilities. The week after the end of the season will be used to complete any additional rainout, playoff, or position night games.

5 - UMPIRES

- 5-1 All teams participating in the Green Bay Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department Adult Co-Ed Kickball Leagues will be required to supply one qualified umpire for each **home** game played.

It will be each team's responsibility to assure the presence of their umpire. If a team does not have an umpire but has ten players available, one of those players will have to umpire.

Any team that does not supply an umpire for each home game will forfeit that game unless the other team agrees to furnish an umpire, or play the game without an umpire. Agreement to play needs to be resolved before official start of game. Teams abusing this rule will be prohibited from future play in the Green Bay Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department sports leagues.

- A. Games where no umpires are available will not be re-scheduled. The field supervisor will make every effort to assure that the game is still played.

- 5-2 All umpires must follow the city ordinance of no drinking of intoxicating beverages or use of illegal drugs. Umpires found abusing this rule will be dismissed from his/her umpire duties and a forfeit may result for that team.

- 5-3 Requirements for Umpires

- A. Umpires should confer with supervisor on such vital matters as local league and ground rules so all parties virtually concerned have a thorough understanding of what the rules are.
- B. Umpires must be well versed in the rules.
- C. Must use common sense and good judgment in applying these rules.
- D. Respect the rights of players and fellow worker.
- E. Know the mechanics.
- F. Be completely impersonal and unbiased in their decisions and penalties.

5-4 Umpire Eligibility

- A. All umpires participate at their own risk! Who is eligible? Virtually anyone 16 years of age or older can officiate for your team. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Department suggests that the person is not a member of your team, although he/she can be. The use of a player actively included in the official line-up as an umpire will not be allowed. For a player to be used as an umpire, the person must first be officially replaced or removed from the line-up to be eligible to umpire. A player who is removed from the game to become an umpire will not be allowed to re-enter into the line-up.

*Remember, the quality and knowledge displayed by your umpire is a reflection on your sponsor, yourself, and your teammates. Use an umpire that you can be proud of.

5-5 Umpire Position

- A. The home team's umpire must umpire the bases for the entire game.

1. Should an umpire fail to cooperate, a possible forfeit will be given to the team the umpire is representing.

6 - CO-ED RULES

6-1 A person is out when:

- A. Receiving 2 strikes or 2 fouls.
- B. A ball tag on a base which the runner is forced to run.
- C. Hit by a thrown ball, below the shoulders, when advancing.
- D. A kicked ball (fair or foul) is caught.
- E. Touched by a ball while not on a base.
- F. Leaving a base before the ball is kicked.
- G. **Intentionally** touching a ball while the ball is in play.

6-2 No bunting. A bunted kick will be considered a foul. A bunt is called when the ball does not pass the pitching plate.

6-3 Kicking: All kicks must be made with the foot. The kicker may step on home plate to kick.

6-4 Strike: Two strikes constitute an out. A strike is a pitch within the strike zone that is not kicked or missed by the kicker.

- 6-5 Strike Zone: The strike zone extends to one (1) foot on either side of home plate and one (1) foot high. The strike zone does not extend in front of home plate. **Any pitch that does not cross the length of the plate, within the strike zone, will be considered a ball.**
- 6-6 Ball: A ball is a pitch outside of the strike zone, an illegal bouncy, or any fielder, pitcher or catcher not maintaining their position until the ball is kicked.
- 6-7 Once a kicker receives three (3) balls, the ball will be placed on home plate and the kicker must attempt to kick the ball. The two (2) foul rule applies.
- 6-8 Foul Ball: Two fouls constitute an out. A foul ball is a kicked ball landing out of bounds, a kicked ball that is kicked in-bounds, but travels out of bounds before going past first or third base, or kicking a ball in front of home plate.
- 6-9 NO STEALING.
- 6-10 No leading until the ball is kicked. A runner leaving the base early will be out.
- 6-11 Pitching: Bouncies are not allowed. A pitch that is higher than one (1) foot from the bottom of the ball, during the last bounce prior to crossing the plate results in a ball.
- 6-12 Curve balls are only allowed to be thrown to male kickers, unless requested by a female kicker. There is no penalty on how “fast” the ball is pitched.

7 - GENERAL

- 7-1 Other than the exceptions herein, the league will be governed by the existing Green Bay Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department Administrative Committee.

“The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.”

Vince Lombardi