

Round Robin Kickball Tournament Rules

BASIC RULES:

- Rule number one – Be nice!
- Team consists of 8 players and must include at least 2 females and 2 players aged 16 and under. Teams may not have more than 4 male players over the age of 16.

GAME RULES:

- Innings - 6 innings in a game ◦UNLESS we hit 40 min warning – both teams will be warned & the start of the next inning will be the final inning
- Mercy Rule – lessens the chance of having blowouts early in the games (boring for everyone) ◦Max. 5 runs can be scored per inning (EXCEPT the last inning – no limit)
- The Pitch - ALL pitches MUST be thrown underhand and slow pitch. The ball should roll on the ground when crossing the plate (no spin or bounce) ◦If excessive, the ref may ask you to switch your pitcher. The pitcher must remain behind the pitching gum until the ball is kicked. If this is not done, a ball shall be called. The strike zone is 1 foot inside and outside the home plate.
- A ball will be called when a pitch is outside the strike zone, and the kicker does not attempt to kick it, when a pitch bounces through the home and when any field player, including pitcher, advances to the home before Ball is kicked. After 3 balls, the kicker can run to first base.
- The ball should be kicked with the foot or leg. All kicks should be done behind the plate. No contact is allowed with the ball without fully extending the leg.
- If a kicker gets 3 strikes, he is out. A strike is obtained when there is a throw inside the strike zone that is not kicked, when a kick attempt has been missed regardless of whether it was inside or outside the strike zone and when there is a foul.
- A foul will be called when the ball falls into a foul zone, when the ball goes out of bounds before passing the first or third base and is not touched by any player. A foul counts as a strike. If a player receives 3 fouls, he is out. If a player has 2 strikes and then kicks a ball foul, he is out.
- 1 bunt per inning – every bunt after counts as a foul ball. ◦Bunt: A bunt is defined through intention of the hitter by the ref. The ref decides what is or is not a bunt.
- NO leading off bases.
- NO stealing.
- Sliding is ALLOWED ◦At ref's discretion – any slide that results in excessive contact with defensive player will result in the runner being OUT.

- You CAN throw the ball at base runners but NO head shots ◦Head shots will result in a dead ball and all players will be safe. ◦Players hit in the head get an extra base (UNLESS they duck into the headshot, which is considered out).

- NO infield fly rule.

- Tagging up happens AS SOON AS the ball is TOUCHED, not caught (per MLB).

- One base is given to the runner on an overthrow that travels out of play at the referee's discretion.

- A runner is out if:

- He is hit by a kicked ball while he is off base.
- He runs out of baseline.
- He is hit by a thrown ball that strikes him below the neck when he is off base. (Runners struck on the head or neck are not out unless they duck avoid the ball).
- If he is touched by a fielder with a ball before reaching the base or if a fielder with a ball touches the base before he reaches it.
- If you leave the base before the ball is kicked.

DEALING WITH OFFICIALS AND GREY AREA:

- The referees/umpires are the final word on all game call decisions and any situation not mentioned here. Although the referees are there to call your games, please remember they are people too, just like you!

- Only a team captain or co-captain may dispute a call with the referee. The referee has jurisdiction over the play and may penalize a player, including game ejection, for unsportsmanlike conduct. Ejected players may not return to the game and if necessary may be asked to leave the premises.