

## FALL 2009 COED KICKBALL RULES

1. **Team Size.** Teams consist of twenty-two (22) or fewer players. Each team shall field ten players, with at least five women at all times. Teams that are not able to field a complete team may play with a minimum of eight players (no more than five men, no less than three women). A maximum of two “pick-up” players (one male/one female, two females) will be permitted only when a team does not have enough of its own players present to field a team. Teams are not permitted to use pickup players when roster players of the same gender are present. Teams that are not able to field at least six players may play a "legal" game with the consent of the opposing captain. It is illegal for a team to have more than nine players on the field of play.

2. **Rosters**

**Completed rosters and waiver forms are due prior to the second scheduled game of the season. Any team that has not submitted these documents by that time will have its scheduled games declared a “forfeit” until all such paperwork is received. Players may be listed only on one team’s roster per season throughout the league. For a player to be considered “playoff eligible” (eligible to participate in the playoffs), he/she must be listed on a team’s roster and must have played in a minimum of three regular season games for that particular team.**

3. **Time.**

A regulation game shall consist of (6) innings or a time limit of (55) fifty five minutes. If a game starts late, it shall be played until (5) five minutes before the next game’s starting time. **THERE ARE NO GAME GRACE PERIODS. FAILURE TO SUBMIT TEAM LINE-UP OR KICKING ROTATION BEFORE THE START OF THE GAME WILL RESULT IN A FORFEIT.**

Tie Breakers - games will continue until a winner is decided by sudden death. Each player gets one chance to kick.

**MERCY RULE** – In the event that a time a team is trailing by 8 or more runs at the end of five innings, the game will be called.

4. **Kicking and Running**

The away team shall kick first. The home team gets last at kick if the time limit is near. The head umpire may call a game if an inning may not reasonably be completed before the (55) fifty five minute time limit. Therefore, an inning cannot begin (55) fifty five minutes after the hour unless it is the last scheduled game.

Kicking Order: A team can kick all members of their team. A team must keep same kicking order in game's entirety. Kicking order must alternate by gender.

**IF A KICKER KICKS OUT OF ORDER, IT IS AN AUTOMATIC OUT. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

- The kicker may not run past home plate before kicking the ball.
- First base is the only base the kicker can overrun.
- **THE BALL MUST ROLL OVER THE *STRIKE ZONE* BEFORE IT IS KICKED.**
- The kicker must have one foot in the kicker's box before kicking the ball.
- Bunting is allowed, for both men and women with a catch.
- "Double Kicks" (foot then shin, knee then foot, etc) will be immediately ruled an as an OUT.
- **STEALING BASES IS NOT ALLOWED!!!!**
- If the kicker steps off the base, they must tag up before they can advance.
- Sliding or diving to get on base by the kicker will result in an automatic out unless the kicker is sliding into home plate.
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- Each kicker will receive the following:

**THREE STRIKES, THREE BALLS, THREE FOULS**

Each team is allowed (2) two base coaches, (1) one at first base and (1) one at third base. All other offensive players must remain in the dugout area at all times. You will receive (1) one warning for your first violation each violation and after that such a violation will result in an out.

**5. Pitching**

A legal pitch must roll along the ground with **minimal bounce** as it makes its way to home plate. Any pitch where the top of the ball bounces higher than the batter's knee (at least 13 inches) at anytime on its way to home plate will be called a ball. **FAST ROLLS, SLOW ROLLS, HOOKS, SPINS, etc., ARE ALL FAIR ROLLS.**

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- There are three fouls allowed per player each time at kick.
- Back Catcher must stand behind or on the side of the kicker with one foot on either side of the box and cannot advance until the ball crosses the strike zone.

- The strike zone will extend approximately one foot from each side of home plate, to discourage excessive “looking”. Any ball entering this zone without being kicked will be called a strike.
- A ball shall be called on anything that does not pass the home plate strike zone, including pitches that do not reach the plate. Three called balls shall result in advancement of the batter to first base.

Three (3) “balls” pitched intentionally and/or unintentionally to a male kicker will result in an advancement of the male kicker to second (2<sup>nd</sup>) base and the female has the *option* of kicking the ball or walking to 1<sup>st</sup> base. **The female player DOES NOT have to take the base unless she chooses to.**

If a female player is walked, the male player HAS to kick the ball. They do not have a choice.

Everyone on defense must be behind the white lines at 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base when the ball is pitched. If not, this will result in an automatic base by the kicker.

A ball that is kicked in the air down either foul line will be determined **fair or foul by the position of the BALL, and NOT the position of the fielder, even if the ball is touched.** "Curve" of the ball does not determine whether it is fair or foul.

PITCHER (or any other player) MUST BE IN THE PITCHERS MOUND WITH THE BALL TO STOP ALL GAME PLAYS!

**EXAMPLE: IF A PLAY IS IN MOTION AND A RUNNER ADVANCES TO ANOTHER BASE AFTER A PLAY HAS BEEN MADE, THAT PLAYER CAN CONTINUE TO ADVANCE BASES UNTIL THE PITCHER RETURNS TO THE (RUBBER) MOUND, WITH THE BALL, TO STOP THE PLAY.**

## 6. Game of Play

A player will be ruled out when the following occurs:

- If he/she kicks three fouls or three strikes
- Gets hit by the ball from the shoulders down before reaching the base.

**EXCEPTION: a player who is not in a regular standing/running position and is hit in the face/head will be ruled out** (Example: bending down to avoid getting hit or the runner falling down/ sliding).

- A pop fly is caught.
- The runner is “forced” out.
- The base runner is off the base before the ball is put into play by the kicker.
- A runner who leaves the base before the pitch reaches home plate or is kicked, is out and the ball is dead. Leading off and stealing bases is not allowed.

- When 2 kickers of the same gender kick back to back, an out will be assessed in the spot not occupied by the opposite gender.

5. **Sportsmanship.** FABB Sports endorses the principles of good sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Unsportsmanlike conduct can include the following: Fighting, pushing, verbal/physical abuse directed toward an official or opponent, profanity/obscene gestures, flagrant/violent fouls, taunting/trash talking/baiting, cheating, throwing/abusing equipment and physical intimidation. A player may be ejected from a game (or a team may be evicted from the field of play) for engaging in Unsportsmanlike Conduct. An official may call a forfeit for unsportsmanlike conduct. Even if the game has ended, an official may call a forfeit. The League has the authority to suspend and/or expel a player or team from the league and/or future game(s) at its discretion with no refund of monies for such acts. These guidelines apply to players and spectators.

- **Fighting**

- 1 - Automatic ejection from the game
- 2 - Once ejected, a player must leave the field. If the player does not leave the field his/her team may be charged a “forfeit” for that game, regardless of score or time remaining. Any player ejected from a game may not play in any other games that day.
- 3 - The ejected player may not play in future games without league approval.
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