



## Lakefront Leagues Kickball Rules



### **Format:**

8 player team (at least 3 male + 3 female)

- May play with 7 players (at least 3 male + 3 female)
- May play with a minimum of 6 players (at least 2 male + 2 female)

### Regular Season

- 1 Game per Week. 7 inning game.
- Extra Innings: If a game is tied at the end of 7 innings, the game will be declared a tie.

### Playoffs

- Single-Elimination Tournament, seeding based on regular season record
- Extra Innings: If game is tied at the end of 7 innings, the game will be continue, and the player who recorded the last out in the previous inning will start on 2<sup>nd</sup> base.
- Higher Seed = Home Team

### Officiated

- An Umpire will be staffed to call each game.

### **Equipment:**

- NO CLEATS ALLOWED – Turf Shoes & Tennis Shoes ONLY
- Game ball will be provided.

### **Sport Specific Rules:**

#### Starting the Game

- A coin flip, or rock-paper-scissors, will start each game. Winner will choose Home or Away Team.

#### Batting / Offense

- **Team Pitch Rule:** A member of your team will pitch to your batters.
  - You will receive a maximum of 3 pitches per at bat. One of them must be in play (not a foul ball) or you will be declared out.
- You may only have 8 players in the batting order at a time (no gender specific order required)
- The pitcher can be substituted at any time.
- Courtesy runners may be used once per inning (must be same sex).
  - If courtesy runner is in batting order, and is still on base for their turn to bat, their at-bat will be declared an out.
- All kicks must occur **AT** or **BEHIND** home plate. Kicks made in front of the plate will be declared foul, and count as 1 of your 3 available pitches.

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- **Offensive Interference:**
  - If a batted ball touches the pitcher, the batter will be declared out.
  - If a batted ball touches a base runner, the runner will be declared out.
  - If a runner interferes with a fielder's attempt to make a play on any ball, the runner will be declared out.
- **Bunt Line:** The bunt line is a rounded line in front of the pitcher's mound that extends to the baseline on either side of the field.
  - Batters: In order for a Kick to be legal, the ball must roll on or past the bunt line before coming to a complete stop. If the ball stops within the zone, it will be declared foul.
  - Fielders: May not move in front of the bunt line until the ball is kicked. If the ball is touched by a fielder inside the zone before declared foul, the ball is live and in play. The fielder can choose to make a play on the ball, or take a chance the ball will stop before touching the bunt line.
- **The Outfield Wall:** The Outfield Wall is defined as the 2ft concrete wall in the outfield, including the two staircases.
  - If the ball clears the "Outfield Wall" on the fly, the kicker will be awarded a Home Run.
  - If the ball bounces over the "Outfield Wall" under its own power, the kicker will be awarded a ground-rule double.
  - The stairs are Home Run Territory. If the ball hits the stairs or railings, it will be declared a Home Run.

### Fielding / Defense

- Players may line up anywhere on the field, outside of the bunt line.
- Runner will be awarded one base on an overthrow out of play. Umpires' discretion.
- **Defensive Interference:**
  - A fielder may not hinder a runner's path to the base unless making a play on a batted ball, or fielding a thrown ball. A fielder that hinders a runner advancing bases will result in the runner safely advancing to the next base.
- Fielders can record an out in any of the following ways:
  - Catching a fly ball.
  - Stepping on lead base while in possession of the ball.
  - Tagging batter/runner with the ball while not on base.
  - Striking batter/runner with the ball, below the neck, while not on base.
  - If the batter/runner is struck by the ball in the head/neck area while sliding, ducking, or dodging the ball, the runner will be declared out.

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**Substitution Rule:** Players may substitute during the middle of any inning. Players that substitute must remain in/out for one full inning.

**Mercy Rule:** A team leading by 10 or more runs after 5 innings will be declared the winner

**Inning Run Limit:** A team may only score a maximum of 10 runs per inning

- **Exception:** Team can score unlimited runs in the final inning.

**Late Team / Forfeit Rule:**

- Teams will have 10 minutes after their scheduled game time to take the field, or will be declared a forfeit. Umpire is free to extend forfeit time at their discretion.
- If a team must forfeit their match, \$24 will be deducted from the forfeit fee collected through registration.
- A team may forfeit twice during the season, a third forfeit will result in removal from the playoff bracket.
- If your team needs to forfeit, please email [sportandsocial@hermesleveland.com](mailto:sportandsocial@hermesleveland.com) in as far advance as possible.

**Player Eligibility**

- Only the players on your roster prior to Playoffs are eligible to play in the tournament.
- Players may be added at any time during the regular season.
- **Multiple Teams:**
  - Regular Season – a player may compete on multiple teams in the same league.
  - Playoffs – a player may only compete on one (1) team in the same league night.

**Ejection Policy**

Any player that is ejected from a game, for any reason, will automatically be suspended for the following league game, whether it be on that night, or the following week. Any ejected player will be asked to leave the property for the remainder of the game. Two ejections in one season will result in suspension for the remainder of the season and playoffs. Ejections will occur by using illegal equipment, fighting, taunting, running over runner/fielder, arguing with the umpire, etc.

**Questions:**

Any questions regarding leagues should be directed to the Kickball Officials, or the League Commissioner at [sportandsocial@hermesleveland.com](mailto:sportandsocial@hermesleveland.com).

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