



Basic Rules for Kickball

General: Kickball is played very similarly to baseball / softball. The positions played will be the same. 9 players should be on the field for the defense. All teams will be Co-Ed with a mixture of boys and girls, the Department will try to make this ratio as even as possible.

- Age Groups: 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Each team will have approximately 12 players.
 - The 4-6 age group will have no “outs”. Each player on the team will have an opportunity to kick and then the teams will switch sides.
1. **Pitching:** Each team will pitch to the other team. Pitchers must pitch from the pitching rubber and cannot go in front of rubber until the ball is kicked. Slow to moderate pitches only. The pitcher should try their best to give the kicker a pitch that they feel most comfortable kicking.
 2. Player must stay out of the baseline; otherwise the runner advancing to the base will be called safe. Players that are playing a base position should make every attempt to position their foot on the side of the base to leave room for the runner.
 - a. On an overthrow; the runner may advance one base.
 3. **Kicking:** All kicks must be made by foot. A kicker can be called out if they get 3 strikes or 4 foul balls. A play ends when the pitcher has control of the ball and is near the mound/pitching circle. Any runner who interferes with the ball on its way back to the pitcher will be called out. Any player who deliberately crashes into a defensive player holding the ball, waiting to apply a tag, will have to sit out from the game.
 - a. No Bunting. Intentionally kicking the ball soft to advance the runners.
 - b. The ball can be thrown at any player and must be between the shoulders and the knees. The runner will be called safe if it hits their head unless they are sliding/ducking the ball. If a player is hit in the head they get the base they are running to.
 - c. No leading off or stealing is allowed. A runner off his/her base when the ball is kicked is out.
 - d. Players may choose to wear a batting helmet for safety.

**Absolutely NO WHINING OR ARGUING ALLOWED.
Umpires rulings are final!!!**

SUSPENSIONS

Putnam County Parks & Recreation reserves the right to suspend any player or fan that does not adhere to the rules of play.

Putnam County Parks & Recreation staff further reserves the rights to change, amend, or add to the suspensions listed. During a suspension, a player may not participate in any leagues offered by Putnam County Parks & Recreation. One week suspension starts the day after the game that the player committed the offense in (the game the player was thrown out of).

BEHAVIOR THAT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

1. Persistent arguing with the referee
2. Serious Foul Play: Hard Foul, Boarding, Spitting, etc.
3. Violent Conduct: Slapping, Head-butt, Choking, Kicking, etc
4. Fighting: Fist Fight, Wrestling, etc...
5. Verbal Abuse: Any foul or abusive language
6. Verbal or physical threats
7. Name Calling

DISCIPLINE

1. All team managers are in charge of the team and players conduct during the season. The Recreation staff reserves the right to disqualify a team from further competition.
2. Any player who is ejected from a game (Red Carded) will receive an automatic one-game suspension for the next game (further game suspensions will be given based on the offense and by the recreation staff). If a player is ejected from a second game he/she will receive a three game minimum suspension (if the two suspensions add up to more than five (5) games then the player is out for the season). If a player receives a third ejection he/she will be disqualification from the league.
3. Any player initiating a fight will be disqualified from the league.
4. Retaliating players will receive at least a two-game suspension.
5. The Recreation Department reserves the right to discipline participants including suspending a participant from future play in County athletics depending on the severity of the infraction.

We appreciate all that you are doing for your team members. Let's help to teach each of them the values of good sportsmanship. Team/ individuals that are found to be in violation of this rule will be suspended (2) Games.

Please also remind your parents that you are their contact person on the field during and after games. If a problem regarding any of the above arises, please have them come to you FIRST. All contact with the referee's should be through you in a constructive manner.