

City of Tonawanda Department of Parks and Recreation

Adult Co-Ed Kickball Rules & Regulations

I. **Rosters**

- a. A team's roster must consist of minimum of 14 players (4 of which must be female)
- b. Players must be at least 16 years of age as of July 1st of 2025
- c. All Players must sign a liability form in order to be considered a member of a team. NO PLAYER will be admitted to play without signing a liability form
- d. Any player who participates on a team without first signing a liability form will cause their team to forfeit the game

II.

Game times/fields

- a. Games will start at 5:45 P.M.
- b. Location on of games will be at Niagara 1, Niagara 2 and Kohler St Fields.
- c. Teams must have at least 8 players (4 female) by game me, or else a forfeit will be declared. The umpire's me is official.
- d. A coin flip will decide home field advantage (regular season only.) The higher seeded teams will be home in all playoff games.

III.

a. Lineup & Defensive Alignment

1. A team may play with a maximum of 9 players (4 female) or a minimum of 8 players (4 female) in the field.
2. Players may be aligned in any positon on the field, but a team must have a pitcher and catcher at all times, and 3 fielders must be at least 10ft into the outfield grass.
3. Extra players not playing in the field may still bat in the lineup
4. Players can freely switch in and out of the field defensively so long as the team maintains a minimum of 4 females in the field at all times.
5. Players must maintain the same batting position for the entirety of the game
6. Kicking order MUST alternate by gender until availability of a particular gender has been exhausted

b. **The Game**

1. Regulation games will be 9 innings
2. Umpire fees are \$20 per team, to be paid at Ground Rules
3. In the event of darkness or inclement weather, games will be considered official after
The completion of 5 innings (or 4.5 if the home team is leading)
4. A fifteen (15) run rule will be in effect after 5 innings (or 4.5 if the home team is leading.)
5. Games tied at the end of 9 innings will follow the extra-innings speed up rule as follows:
 - a. The last out from the previous inning will be placed as a runner on second base.
 - b. Each half-inning will end after the defensive team has recorded two (2) outs.

c. **Pitching/Defense**

1. Pitchers cannot bounce the ball. Any pitch higher than one foot off the ground shall be called illegal by the umpire. If a player kicks a pitch that is called illegal, it is live and in play
2. All pitches must be delivered in an underhand motion
3. The pitcher must have at least 1 foot in contact with the pitching rubber when releasing the ball. Exception: Martinsville and Stenzil (Umpire discretion).
4. The pitch must be delivered at an acceptable pace based on the umpire's discretion. A strike is a pitch within the strike zone that is either not kicked or missed by the kicker
5. Foul balls are considered a strike
6. Two strikes constitute an out. (A foul ball resulting in a second strike on a batter will also constitute an out)
7. Players may get a player out by either tagging the base on a force out or striking the runner with the kickball. NOTE: A defensive player may not hit a runner's head/ neck with the ball. If done so, the runner will be awarded the base. Exception: If the runner dives, ducks or makes a movement that's puts their head/neck in the path of the ball
8. Any egregious and intentional violation of pitching rules 1, 2 and/or 4 will result in a formal "Egregious Pitch Warning" from the umpire. A pitcher receiving two (2) Egregious Pitch Warnings from the umpire, in the same game, will no longer be eligible to pitch in the game. Please note that not all pitches called as "illegal" will result in an Egregious Pitch Warning. This is issued on the discretion of the umpire for "Egregious Pitches" that include, but are limited to, pitches that curve, backspin, or are thrown at excessive velocity, with the intent of deceiving the kicker.
9. Defensively, all teams must have 3 outfielders in the outfield grass (minimum of 10 feet from the infield)
10. Teams are permitted 3 courtesy runners (must be the last out – male, female for a female)

11. There is no infield Fly Rule. If the umpire determines that one of the following situations took place, the play will be deemed dead, the batter declared out, and the runners on base returned to the base they occupied to start the at-bat

a. A player intentionally dropped the kicked ball,

b. A player intentionally deceived the runners in letting the ball drop when it could have been caught with reasonable effort

d. **Kicking/Batting**

1. A kick made outside the batter's box will be considered a dead ball and a strike will be called against the batter

2. A kicked ball must travel past the "bunt line" to be ruled a legal hit. Any ball not reaching this distance will be a dead ball, with a strike called against the batter.

3. A walk issued to a male kicker will result in a walk to the following female as well, provided the female is the next kicker due up. This can be declined by the female kicker, and if it is declined the male still gets 2nd base. If the male is not followed by a female, none of this applies (Standard 1 base walk)

4. There are no lead-offs. Runners may only leave their base once the ball has been kicked by a batter. A runner will be called out for leaving a base early.

e. **Scores and Scheduling**

1. Teams will receive a scorebook, and is responsible for keeping track of team lineups and score.

2. Winning team is responsible for reporting the final score by noon midnight the night of the game or else the game will be recorded as a loss for both teams.

There are two ways to report the score

a. Email kohlerpool@tonawandacity.com

b. Online cotrecsports.com

3. Make up dates will be sent to teams within 48 hours.

4. In the case of inclement weather, please follow along with updates on your email and phone number

5. For any questions please contact the Director a 505-1172 or email recreation@toanwandacity.com

f. **Forfeits**

1. Any team that does not have 8 players (4 female) available at game time will forfeit the game
2. Any teams that forfeits must pay a \$40 forfeit fee prior to the following week's game. Payment can be made at the recreation department (291 Kohler St)
3. Any team that fails to pay the forfeit fee, or forfeits more than 1 game in a season, will be removed from the remainder of play for the season

g. **Miscellaneous**

1. No metal cleats allowed. No steal toed shoes/boots allowed.
2. All exposed jewelry which is deemed by the umpire to be dangerous, must be removed
3. Each team will receive a kickball. They will be responsible for bringing it to all games. Should the ball become warped or damaged, it can be brought to the Recreation Department for a replacement. A \$10 replacement fee will be charged.
4. NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED ON TEAM BENCHES
5. Any issues or questions regarding the umpires, please contact Umpire in Chief:
Paul Kirchmeyer- 716-818-1998, pakirch3115@yahoo.com
6. Fields are, Niagara 1, Niagara 2 & Kohler St Field