

## CO-REC KICKBALL LEAGUE RULES

**-ALL Players, Managers, and fans are expected to demonstrate “exemplary sportsmanship”**

**-Managers are responsible to make sure all players are aware of the league rules and all the team’s players and fans are demonstrating “exemplary sportsmanship”**

1. Scheduled time is game time—You must have at least 7 players on the field ready to go. Any team failing to follow this rule will forfeit the game (exception: teams traveling to different fields on back-to-back double header games).

Note: League participants must be in 10<sup>th</sup> grade or 16 years old by the start of the school year.

2. If you are unable to field a team for a scheduled game, you will have to forfeit the game. The manager of the forfeiting team must call the manager of the opposing team and the Redwood Area Community Center to inform them both that you are unable to field a team. Notification of a forfeit must be made by 5:00pm of game day.

\*There will be a \$25 forfeit fee charged for a team failing to show up for a scheduled game without giving notice to the manager of the other team and the recreation programmer by 5:00 p.m. on game day. All fines must be paid for before a team will be allowed to participate in the upcoming league, playoff, or MSF post-season tournament games.

3. If the whole league is cancelled due to poor weather, the games will be made up at the end of the league schedule, before playoffs. Listen to radio station KLGR 1490 AM for weather related announcements. We will try to have this announcement on by 5:00 p.m. If you do not hear an announcement on KLGR and you are still questioning the status of play due to weather, you may also contact the RACC at 507-616-7444 or Tim’s cell phone at 507-380-7381 for information.

4. Each team shall play with no more than 8 players—a team must have at least 7 players on the field to play the game; however if a team is playing with less than 8 players, they must count an out when the #8 player is supposed to be up. *A maximum of 8 women can be on the field at one time or a maximum of 4 men can be on the field at one time.*

\*\*Substitutes may be added to the line-up at any time during the game to fill the #8 spot. No Penalty!

5. The first team listed on the schedule is the home team.

### 6. Substituting Players

There is unlimited substitution with the following restrictions: substitutes must come in for players of the same gender and once a player is removed for the game, he/she may be re-inserted back into the game only in the same kicking position in the line up as previously played. Please report any subs to the other team as they enter and exit the game.

7. The line-up must have the men and women kicking in alternating order. In the case where the men and women do not have equal numbers playing, the extra kickers will be put on the bottom or the order (example of a kicking order with unequal numbers: 1-woman, 2-man, 3-woman, 4-man, 5-woman, 6-man, 7-woman, 8-woman)

8. Teams will have 3 outfielders and 5 infielders (1<sup>st</sup> base, 2<sup>nd</sup> base 3<sup>rd</sup> base, shortstop and a catcher).
  - A. Players must be in the following positions: no more than 2 men playing in the outfield and/or catcher positions and no more than 2 men playing the remaining infield positions. In the case where there are women playing in place of men, they will take the place where the men are suppose to be in the outfield—which position is the team’s choice.
9. Each team will provide a pitcher from their own team when they are up. The pitcher must start the pitching motion while in contact with the pitching rubber and may make only one step toward the plate before releasing the ball.
  - A. The pitcher may roll or bounce the ball to the kicker; however it may not be pitched higher than knee level when it crosses the plate. If the ball is higher than knee level, it is a dead ball.
  - B. The ball must cross the plate before being kicked. If the ball is kicked before it reaches the plate it is a dead ball and considered a pitch.
10. Each person will have only 3 pitches.
  - A. If the third pitch is kicked foul and not caught for an out, a fourth pitch is permitted. The fourth pitch must be fair and not called as a ‘dead ball’ or the person up is out (exception: rule 9B).
  - B. A kicked ball that hits the pitcher is a dead ball and shall be pitched again with no penalty.
11. Outfielders must start on the outfield grass and MAY NOT position themselves on the infield aglime until the ball is kicked.
12. Fielders may throw the ball and hit the runner before he/she reaches base for an out. The ball must hit the player while it is still in the air—once the ball hits the ground after a throw, it becomes a dead ball.

\*Balls thrown at the runner must be below the shoulders. ANY HEADSHOT WILL RESULT IN THE RUNNER BEING CALLED SAFE. IF YOU INTENTIONALLY HIT A RUNNER IN THE HEAD, YOU WILL BE EJECTED. If you unintentionally hit a runner in the head you will be warned.

{Note: \*\*If the runner intentionally hits the ball with his/her head, the runner is out. }
13. No stealing is allowed. Base runners must wait until the ball is kicked to leave the base.
14. Games will have a 55 minute time limit (you will play as many innings as you can get in within the time limit). If at the end of 55 minutes the score is tied, an additional inning will be played until a winner is determined.
15. The managers (or a designated person on each team) will keep track of the score and will then verify with each other what the score is after each inning of play.
16. The second team listed on the roster is the home team for that game and should use the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout.
17. The league champion, runner up, and playoff seeds will be determined by the regular season win/loss records for each team. In the case of a tie, the champion, runner up, and/or higher playoff seed will be determined based on head to head competition between the tied teams. If a tie still exists, the tie will be broke by determining the team who scored the most points during head-to-head competition. If there continues to be a tie, the tie will be broke by determining the team who score the most points against the highest remaining seed. The final step will continue until the tie is broke.

Note: The home team during playoffs is the highest seed.
18. This league is intended for people to go out and have a good time. All calls will be played based on the honor system. The designated manager/captain from each team is required to resolve any conflicts with the other team’s designated manager/captain. If there is an objection to a call, the play will be redone.