



## PADUCAH PARKS & RECREATION

ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO!

### **ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE RULES**

Paducah Parks & Recreation reserves the right to overrule, edit, add, or remove any rule found in these rules for the betterment of the league.

#### **LOCATION**

- Games will be played at Noble Park on Fields 5 and 6.

#### **SCHEDULE**

- Team schedules can be found at <https://www.paducahky.gov/departments/parks-recreation/sports-adults>
- Schedules will also be emailed to team captains who should distribute to their players.
- Games will be played on Thursdays. Make-up games will be announced by Paducah Parks & Recreation. These days and times may not coincide with the original day and time that your games were scheduled.
- If in doubt of a game being played due to weather, please call our Cancellation Line at **270-444-8621 AFTER 4:00 PM**
- GAME TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE ONLY WITH THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT APPROVAL.

#### **ROSTER**

- Each team must submit a Team Roster during registration. The roster can have between 10-20 players listed.
- Each team consists of 10 players on the field. A team may start a game with a minimum of 8 players and there will not be automatic outs taken. A team may have up to 20 players in their lineup to kick.
  - If a team does not have at least 8 players or enough players of each gender at the game's start time, that team will forfeit the game.
  - A team may play with any of the following compositions:
    - 8 players (4 females and 4 males)
    - 9 players (4 females and 5 males)
    - 9 players (5 females and 4 males)
    - 10 players (5 females and 5 males)
    - Batting Orders with over 10 players must have an even number of male and female players or a +1 ratio (example: 6 males and 5 females or 6 females and 5 males).

- If a team, for reasons such as injury or ejection, during game play cannot maintain the minimum player requirement, the game will be ended in a forfeit. The score will stand, but the team that fails to meet the minimum player requirement will receive a loss.
- NOTE: A team can have more runs but lose due to not meeting the minimum player requirement throughout any part of the game.
- Players on the roster must be at least 18 years of age by the date of the first game of the season (birth certificates or official identification may be requested at any time during the season).
- Players can be added to the team roster during the season so long as the minimum of 10 and maximum of 20 players per roster is maintained. Additions must be submitted to and approved by Paducah Parks & Recreation.
- Rosters will be frozen at the beginning of the tournament. Players must be on the Team Roster to be eligible for the tournament

### **GAME TIME REGULATIONS**

- There is no grace period. Game Time is game time. Any team that does not show up or does not have enough players to start the game, will forfeit. For tiebreak purposes in the standings, the opposing team will receive a total of 5 runs, for a final score of 5-0
- The home team on the schedule will be the home team in the game.
- A game will consist of 5 innings or 50-minute time limit. Whatever scenario happens first will be enforced.
  - No inning will begin after the 50-minute time limit.
  - An inning that has started will be played out if the 50-minute time limit is reached.
- The Recreation Specialist, Umpire, and/or Field Supervisor will announce when the game is entering the final inning.
- Overtime Rules
  - If the game is tied after 5 innings or at the 50-minute mark, one inning of extra time may be played. If the game is still tied after the extra inning, the game will end in a tie.
  - During the postseason tournament, if the game is tied after 5 innings or at the 50-minute mark, extra innings will be played until a winner is determined.

### **GAME RULES**

- *Scoring*
  - A run scores when a runner touches home plate before the third out is made, EXCEPT that no run can score when the third out is made during a force play situation, or when the kicker is put out before touching first base. At the end of a game the team with the most runs wins.
  - If the home team that kicks in the bottom half of every inning is already leading when the bottom half of the final inning is reached, that team wins the game and will not kick.
  - If the home team that kicks in the bottom half of every inning takes the lead during the bottom half of the final inning, that team wins, and the game is ended immediately.
- *Mercy Rule*
  - The game will be final if one team leads by 15 runs after 3 innings or 10 runs after 4 innings.
- *Substitutions*
  - The number of defensive substitutions in a game and the number of times a player can be replaced by a substitute and re-enter the game is unlimited.

- Each team will be allowed one courtesy runner per inning who must be of the same gender.
- A participant who is bleeding or has blood on his/her clothes cannot participate until the bleeding has stopped and the clothes changed. The Recreation Specialist, Umpire, and/or Field Supervisor will have a first aid kit available on site.
- *Pitching*
  - Pitchers must stand with both feet behind the bunt line (line between first and third base) and keep at least one foot on the pitching rubber when making a pitching attempt.
  - All pitches must bounce at least once between the plate and the pitcher's mound.
- *Kicking*
  - Everyone on your team may kick in the batting order. Players may move freely from one field position to another, but the batting order must stay the same.
  - Please see the above ROSTER section on proper male/female ratios in the batting lineup. **Every player that plays in the field must kick in the batting order.**
  - Each batter will start with a 0-0 count, with 4 fouls or three strikes making an out (fouls do not count as strikes). A walk is issued after 4 balls. Pitches are considered strikes when the ball is within one foot of either side of home plate and above home plate.
  - Kickers must start on or behind the Kick Line (the line drawn approximately 6 feet behind home plate), and must not cross home plate before kicking the ball. A strike is a ball that rolls through the strike zone and is not kicked or when a player attempts to kick the ball and misses.
  - Double/triple kicks will result in a foul ball.
  - A kicked ball must travel beyond the bunt line (line drawn between first and third base) to be considered "in play."
  - Bunting will not be permitted and is a dead ball and an automatic out. A bunt is defined by any ball that comes to a rest in front of the bunt line.
  - The infield fly rule is in effect.
- *Baserunning*
  - Baserunners may not leave the base until the pitch is kicked. If a runner is off base before the pitch is kicked, the runner is called out and a "no pitch" is declared.
  - Runners must stay within the base line, and fielders must stay out of the base line.
  - A player who runs outside their base path in an attempt to avoid a tag, shall be declared out. In this situation, the ball shall remain live unless something else causes it to become dead.
  - Runners must avoid contact with fielders. Contact by runner will result in that player being called out and possibly ejected from that game and suspended for the next game. However, fielders may not block a base or base line when not making a play on the runner/ball.
  - Players may overrun first-base. However, they will no longer be protected if they make an attempt to advance to second.
  - Sliding is allowed; however, when sliding, all parts of the runner may be tagged, or hit in a throwing situation (IE. you can be hit in the head).
  - If a runner comes in contact with a kicked ball while not on a base they will be called out.
  - Runners will be awarded an extra base for a ball that is thrown out-of-play.
    - Example: If a runner is on first base, they will be awarded second base. If a runner is between first and second base, they will be awarded third base.

- *Fielding*
  - Maximum of 10 players on the field at one time (5 women and 5 men).
  - Each gender must make up 2 outfield positions, 2 infield positions, and either pitcher or catcher.
  - If a team has 8 or 9 players in the field: A pitcher and catcher must be used and there must be at least one person from each gender in outfield, infield, and pitcher/catcher positions.
  - All fielders must remain behind the bunt line (line drawn from first to third) until the ball has been kicked. The catcher must remain behind the Kick Line until the ball is kicked.
  - Outs are recorded by tagging the base in a forced run situation, tagging the runner with the ball, or hitting the runner with a thrown ball below the shoulders (if the ball bounces you are still out). A player hit in the head MAY be ruled safe according to the umpire's discretion.
  - The umpire will automatically call "time" when the ball reaches the infield, with no runners attempting to advance, or retreat.

## POSTSEASON TOURNAMENT

- A double elimination post-season tournament will follow the regular season.
- No post-season tournament game shall end in a tie. If the time limit has expired and the game is tied, a tiebreaker inning(s) will occur. All players will clear the field and the home team will take the field w/the visiting team kicking. The kicking order will continue from the previous inning. The tiebreaker will continue until a complete inning has resulted in one team scoring more runs than the other. Home team will always have the last opportunity to kick.
- There will be no time limit for the "if necessary" championship game.
- On the upper half of the bracket, where teams do not have any losses, the higher seeded teams will be the home team (1 is home vs 4, 2 is home vs 3, etc.). In the bottom half of the bracket, where all teams will have one loss, the home team will be decided by coin flip.

## SPORTSMANSHIP

- All players, coaches and spectators are required to display good sportsmanship before, during and after all games on and off the court/field while at Paducah Parks and Recreation activities. Players, coaches, and spectators not displaying good sportsmanship may be ejected or suspended as determined by the Paducah Parks and Recreation staff in accordance with the Parks Behavior Policy.
- **Showing respect towards players, umpire(s) and Paducah Parks & Recreation staff is an integral part of the success of the Adult Kickball League.** Failure to show the proper respect before, during, and after games could lead to disciplinary action for the player or team.
- If any player, coach or spectator is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, that person will be suspended per the Paducah Parks & Recreation Behavior Policy.
- **Paducah Parks & Recreation Behavior Policy:** Paducah Parks and Recreation under no circumstance will tolerate verbal and/or physical abuse of any staff member, umpire/referee, or program participant. The penalties for any of the above behaviors are strict and strongly enforced. First time offenders may be suspended for a minimum of 1-year from all Parks and Recreation programming. It is our mission that all participants as well as employees feel safe and are protected from any type of abuse.

## **EJECTIONS**

- Any ejected player is suspended from the remainder of the present game and the next played game, plus could face additional suspension(s) based on their current and past behavior. Paducah Parks & Recreation staff will decide upon any further disciplinary action.
  - First offense: Remainder of present game and next played game.
  - Second offense: Remainder of the season including the post-season. Player must also be approved for reinstatement to kickball leagues by Paducah Parks & Recreation in order to play in future seasons.
- Any ejected person must leave the park immediately. Any delay in doing so or disruptive behavior upon ejection will result in further disciplinary action that could include team forfeit.
- Any obscene language or gestures of any kind displayed by a player, team manager, or spectator will result in an immediate ejection.
- If any player, coach, or spectator is involved in a fight or situation involving verbal abuse, that person will be suspended per the Paducah Parks & Recreation Behavior Policy stated above.
- There will be no discussion on any judgment calls. Excessive verbal confrontation between players or umpires is not permitted. Maintain distance of at least 6 feet when calls are being questioned. Umpire on the field makes the final decision.

## **WAIVERS:**

- An Individual Player Waiver must be signed by all participants who participate in this league. Any new Individual Player Waiver must be turned in to the Recreation Specialist at Paducah Parks & Recreation by 3:00 p.m. on gameday. This form can be found at <https://www.paducahky.gov/departments/parks-recreation/sports-adults>

## **BANNED SUBSTANCES:**

- There are to be no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on City of Paducah premises and parks.
- No tobacco products will be allowed on fields or in dugouts.
- No smoking or vaping is allowed anywhere within Bob Noble Park. If a person wants to smoke or vape, they must do this inside their vehicle.
- Use of banned substances will warrant an automatic ejection from the current game and may lead to further punishment after review of incident by Paducah Parks & Recreation staff.

## **NOTE:**

NO MEDICAL INSURANCE IS CARRIED BY THE PARKS DEPARTMENT ON INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS IN THE LEAGUE. EACH PLAYER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS/HER OWN MEDICAL INSURANCE.

NO TEAM WILL BE PLACED ON THE SCHEDULE UNLESS THE FEE IS PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME OF THE SEASONAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE.

**\*\*NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER REGISTRATION\*\***

Schedules and Current Standings will be available on the web at:  
<https://www.paducahky.gov/departments/parks-recreation/sports-adults>