



**Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas
Parks and Recreation**

Youth Kickball Rules and General Information

Current A.S.A. Softball rules will govern kickball with the following emphases and modifications:

Purpose

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Parks and Recreation Youth Sports Programs are non-competitive with the emphasis on basics, fundamentals, and sportsmanship. The idea is to provide knowledge of the game that will stay with them later on in life and to provide youth with encouragement so they will learn how to compete, not destroy one's confidence to participate in athletics.

Uniforms

All participants will be given a team t-shirt. Shorts or baseball pants may be worn. Cleats with rubber soles or tennis shoes are recommended. Absolutely no metal cleats will be permitted. No one is allowed to play without shoes.

Rainout Number 913-573-8398

In case of inclement weather, please call our rainout line. The rainout line will be updated daily by 4 p.m.; we will notify the team's contact person as soon as a decision is made. We will update the line as needed to inform you of changes.

Rainout Dates

Rainouts will be played at the end of the schedule in the order of the rainout. If more rainouts occur than rainout dates, schedules will be revised to accommodate and create multiple games on those dates.

Awards

There will be **no** participation awards given.

Practice Times

**To reserve a field, please call Shelly @ 913-573-8329 or
Jim @ 913-573-8330.**

Practice times and locations available to the youth kickball program are:

City Park #2

Regan Park

Kensington Park

Eisenhower #1 and #2

The above listed parks are subject to availability and during league play there is a possibility of them not being available. A permit will need to be obtained to secure these locations for the duration of the spring season.

Team and Player Conduct

Sponsors, coaches, players, parents, and spectators all play an important part in providing wholesome, active recreation for all concerned. Smoking on the field, profanity, gestures of poor sportsmanship, and general bad behavior will not be tolerated on or off the field. We have a zero tolerance policy on unsportsmanlike conduct, and will not hesitate to eject any coach, player, or fan that is in violation of this rule.

There are laws governing alcoholic beverages in all Unified Government ballparks and any person in violation of this law are subject to prosecution.

In accordance with the youth gaining a good sense of good sportsmanship, we expect each coach and player to shake hands at the conclusion of each game. If a player or coach opts not to shake hands or does so in an aggressive manner, they will be penalized the following week and not be allowed to coach or play.

As a coach of the team, you assume responsibility for the conduct of your players, coaches, and fans.

General Information

- Any player who participates with one (1) team in any league game is ineligible to compete with any other team during the season in the same league, with or without the consent of the coach.
- Each team must secure a coach that must be present before a team will be allowed to participate in league play. If a coach is ejected from a game for any reason, an assistant coach or parent will be allowed to coach until the return of the coach.
- A team must field a minimum of eight players to start a game. There will be no offensive penalty for playing short.
- No bunts or stealing bases. No lead offs from any given base.
- Each player must play one full inning of defense.
- The umpire will be the official time keeper.
- Game time is forfeit time. No grace periods will be allowed.
- **The infield fly rule will not be in effect.**

Age Divisions

All Divisions will be age based. Each of the ages will have their own unique set of guidelines, but will all fall under the same playing rules.

5-7 year olds

- 45 minute time limit or three complete innings, whichever comes first.
- Pitching distance: 20 feet
- Base distance: 45 feet
- No score or standing will be kept.
- The coach will pitch to their own team.
- Maximum of 12 players, all players will “kick” during their offensive rotation, and all players will play the field during the defensive rotation.
- Teams are encouraged to attempt outs at the appropriate base, however no outs or runs will be kept. Teams will “kick” until they have been through the entire lineup.
- There are no strikeouts or walks. Each player will remain at home plate until he/she kicks the ball at least 3 feet past home plate.
- Teams are encouraged to rotate positions; a player does not have to play the same defensive position in consecutive innings.

8-10 year olds

- 1 hour time limit or 5 complete innings, whichever comes first.
- Pitching distance: 30 feet
- Base distance: 45 feet
- Score will be kept, but not standings.

- Maximum of 12 players, all players will “kick” during their offensive rotation, but only 10 players will play the field during the defensive rotation.
- Eight (8) runs or three outs will constitute a ½ inning.
- The pitcher must have control of the ball at the pitcher’s mound to stop the play.
- If a game is tied at the end of the game, the game will be declared a tie.
- Umpire will call the game at the end of three (3) innings if one team is leading the other by a 20-run lead.
- A kicker has up to three (3) strikes before he is out.
 - A strike is:
 1. A pitched ball is kicked at and missed.
 2. A foul is not caught on the fly. If any pitch after the second strike is kicked foul, the pitch becomes the third strike, and the kicker is out.
 3. Any part of a ball legally pitched to the kicker passes over any part of home plate and the ball is not kicked fair.
 4. A kicker makes contact with a pitched ball in front of home plate.
 5. If a foul ball occurs on the third strike, it will constitute an out.
- A kicker has up to four (4) balls before they are awarded first base.
 - A ball is:
 1. A pitch from the pitcher that comes illegally because the pitcher uses a body part other than his/her hands.
 2. A pitch that does not come across the plate and between the ground and the midpoint between the ground and the kickers knee.
- A kicker will also be awarded first base if a fielder, goes in front of the pitcher’s mound before the ball is kicked.
- All throw outs must be below the waist. Any head shots, the runner will be awarded an extra base, and the player throwing the ball will be warned. If the same player does it again, the player will be suspended for the remainder of that game.

Any occurrence or instance which is no covered by these rules shall be judged by the umpire according to the A.S.A. Softball Rules and will be added and modified accordingly.

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