



DES PERES PARKS AND RECREATION
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314-835-6150 The Lodge
314-835-6138 Weather Hotline



ADULT CO-REC KICKBALL RULES

Current USSSA Softball Rules will govern the Des Peres Kickball League with the following emphasis and modifications:

EQUIPMENT/FIELD

- Official game kickballs will be provided on site (10 inch diameter).
- Bases and one official will be provided. If an official does not show up, the home team must provide an official.
- All kickball games are played on a regulation softball field at Des Peres Park (12325 Manchester Road; 63131)
- Closed-toe athletic shoes and athletic attire must be worn by all players. No metal cleats allowed.
- Please call the weather hotline after 3pm on game day for game status 314-835-6138.
- Please do not bring glass bottles or breakable containers to the park. Alcohol is permitted.

PLAYERS

- Rosters are to be completed by the first game and given to the official.
- A team consists of ten players. A minimum of seven is needed to start and continue a game.
- A "normal" team consists of 10 players, 5 of each gender. If a team has 9 players then 4 must be female. If a team has 8 players, 4 must be female, if a team has 7 players, 4 or more must be female.
- All players should be in the batting order and written on the score sheet at the beginning of the game.
- Teams must alternate positions in the batting order by sex. If a team has less than 10 players, positions must be alternated in the batting order as far down the order as possible (to keep the roster order: males follow males, females follow females). Males cannot bat back to back.
- Any player can play any position defensively. There is no set rule for placing defending players, except that they must be behind the pitcher.

THE GAME

- Games are 7 innings or 50 minutes.
- A game will consist of 7 innings; however, no new inning may begin after 50 minutes has elapsed from the time the game began. In the event of bad weather, darkness or 10 run rule, 5 innings (4 1/2 if the home team is ahead) will constitute a game.
- The official will check the score with both teams after each inning. The home team must keep the official score. Each team manager must initial the official's score sheet at the end of the game.
- Teams should hustle in and out between innings as there is a time limit in effect as well as limited daylight.
- At the conclusion of each game, the official will evaluate each team on their sportsmanship. Each team will be given a 1 Below Average, 2 Average, or 3 Above Average, for their sportsmanship rating. In order to qualify for a playoff game, teams must maintain an average sportsmanship rating of 1.5.

RULES

- The batter is out in situations similar to softball (force outs, pop outs, etc). In addition, a runner is out when he/she is hit by a thrown ball below the shoulders. The runner will be safe if hit above the shoulders.
- The ball is put in play when the pitcher (a player on the defensive team) kindly rolls the ball toward home plate and the batter attempts to kick the ball. The batter must wait for the ball to be within three feet of home plate before kicking the ball. If the batter does not like the pitch, he/she should not attempt to kick it, and another pitch will be thrown. There are no strikeouts or walks. A batter gets 2 attempts at kicking the ball. One missed attempt is an out. Two foul balls is an out.
- A runner who leaves the base before the pitch reaches home plate or is kicked, is out and the ball is dead. Leading off and stealing bases between pitches is not allowed.
- Bunting will not be permitted and is an automatic out.
- ALL infielders will be required to remain behind the pitcher until the batter makes contact. If the ball is caught by an infielder who was in front of the pitcher, the ball is dead. The batter is awarded first base and all runners are awarded one base whether they are forced to advance or not. If the ball is not caught, a delayed dead ball shall be called. If the batter reaches first base and all runners advance one base, the ball shall continue to be in play with runners being live and in play.
- Runner is out if he/she gets hit by the ball from the shoulders down before reaching the base.
EXCEPTION: a player who is not in a regular standing/running position and is hit in the face/head will be ruled out (Example: bending down to avoid getting hit or the runner falling down/ sliding).
- A fly ball caught is an out
- Runners can be forced out at a base.
- The base runner is out if he/she is off the base before the ball is put into play by the kicker.
- There will be no infield fly rule.
- Sliding is allowed.

- Injured Runner: If an accident to a batter/base-runner prevents him/her from proceeding in the game, another player can sub in for the injured player. This player must be the same sex of the injured player and made the most recent out.
- Once the pitcher has possession of the ball, the play is dead and runners cannot advance.

LEAGUE AWARDS

- A prize will be awarded to the playoff game winner of the league.

TIE BREAKER

- In case of a tie when it comes to seeding the teams for the playoffs:
 1. Head-to-head competition.
 2. Least amounts of forfeits.
 3. Fewest runs allowed.
 4. Winning percentage of teams defeated.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- In case of inclement weather on the day of the game, call the weather hotline after 3pm on game day at (314) 835-6138.

SPORTSMANSHIP

- Abusive or insulting language, acts of unfair play, or any other inappropriate behavior judged by the official will result in suspension or forfeit.
- A player, manager, coach, or spectator who is ejected from a game by an official shall be suspended for at least one (1) additional game (next league game played by that team). A second ejection during the season shall be an automatic suspension for a period of at least one (1) year from the date of the second incident.
- Any player, manager, coach, or spectator who approached an official in a negative manner after the conclusion of a league game shall be suspended for at least one (1) game.
- Anyone who makes physical contact with or threatens an official shall be suspended for at least one (1) year from the date of the incident.
- Any unsportsmanlike conduct may result in barring the player(s) or the team from further participation in the League.

PROTESTS

- Judgment calls by officials are not protestable.
- Any protest on player eligibility must be brought to the attention of the officials before the end of the game.
- Any protest on a rule interpretation must be made at that time, before the ball is put back into play. In order to do this, the official must be informed that you would like to protest at the time of the play. You can submit formal protests to the Sports Specialist at cnewgent@desperesmo.org. Along with the protest, we require a \$25 refundable deposit. If the Recreation Supervisor finds the protest valid, she will issue back the \$25 and take necessary action. If the protest is found invalid, the \$25 deposit is forfeited to Des Peres Parks and Recreation.

FORFEIT POLICY

- If a team does not have the minimum number of players to start a contest at the scheduled time, they will be given 10 minutes to secure the correct number before the game is declared a forfeit.
- The official will declare a forfeit and award a "win" to the team that is ready to play with the correct number of players.
- If neither team is ready to play with the minimum number of players after the 10-minute forfeit period then both teams will receive a forfeit.
- Teams found to have ineligible players in the game or on the game roster may forfeit that game, depending upon time of discovery and the player's effect on the game's outcome.
- Forfeited games will not be rescheduled.
- If your team is not going to be able to make it to your game, please contact Corey Newgent by 3:00pm that day at (314)835-6166. If you cannot reach him, leave a message and then contact the supervisor on duty at 314-835-6150.
- In this situation, we will contact the opposing team to inform them of the situation. Your team will receive a loss with a score of 0-7, a sportsmanship rating of 1, and no further action will be taken
- If you do not call and nobody from your team shows up for a game, your team will be removed from the league.
- In order to gain re-entry into the league, you will need to pay a \$25 reinstatement fee before the start of your next game. If you pay the reinstatement fee, your team will still receive a 0-7 loss. However, you will play the rest of the games as they were originally scheduled.

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