

City of Boulder Parks and Recreation

Kickball Rules



Playing Field

1. Base distance is 60 feet.
2. Pitching distance is 45 feet.
3. Strike zone is 1 foot either side of home plate and 1 foot high.

Equipment

1. Athletic shoes are required. Metal cleats are not allowed.
2. Players may wear protective equipment providing it does not offer the wearer an unfair performance advantage.

Officials

1. The City of Boulder will supply one umpire for each game. The umpire will issue all final rulings. The only participants who may dispute a call are team's designated captain and co-captain.
2. Referees have jurisdiction over play and may:
 - a. Call a time out
 - b. Call off a game due to darkness, rain or other cause at the umpire's discretion.
 - c. Penalize a player, including game ejection, for unsportsmanlike conduct. Ejected players must leave the City's property and are suspended for their team's next game.

Teams

1. Teams may have an unlimited number of players on their roster. All players must fill out all information and **sign** the City of Boulder Parks and Recreation roster to be considered an eligible player. Players must be sixteen years of age.
2. Teams must have a minimum number of eight players to start and finish a game. Coed games must have a minimum of four females and four males.
3. The batting order must alternate male, female or female, male. Teams may bat up to fourteen players. The number of extra hitters must be declared before the start of the game. Once the game has started, extra hitters are not allowed to be added to the lineup.
 - a. Players may play any defensive position throughout the game.
4. Re-entry Rule: Any of the starting players including the extra hitters may be substituted or replaced and re-enter once, provided players occupy their original positions in the lineup. **Non starting players may not re-enter.**
5. If a team plays with 10 players there must be:
2 men and 2 women in the outfield and 2 men and 2 women in the infield.
6. If a team plays with 9 players there must be:
2 men and 2 women in the outfield and 2 men and 2 women in the infield
7. If a team plays 8 players there must be:
1 man and 1 woman in the outfield and 1 man and 1 woman in the infield
8. Outfielders must be on the grass area of the outfield when the ball is kicked.

Playing the Game

1. A game is considered a complete/regulation game if seven innings have been played or the time limit has expired, or if the home team has scored more runs in six innings.
2. Run Spread Rule: 15 runs after 3 innings, 10 runs after 4 innings.
3. Game time is forfeit time. 6:00 PM games only: If a team does not have the minimum number of 8 players to start a game, the team with the legal number of players has the option of asking for an immediate forfeit or to start the game clock and allow the other team up to ten minutes to field enough players to play. Failure to field 8 players within the ten minutes will result in a forfeit.
4. No new inning will start after 50 minutes has passed on the game clock. Kickball games may play as many innings as possible until 50 minutes

Pitching/Catching

1. No bouncies. A pitch that is higher than one foot at the plate, and called as such, results in a ball.
2. The pitcher must stay behind the pitching strip until the ball is kicked. Failure to do so results in a ball.
3. No player may field in front of the pitcher other than the catcher, and no player may advance forward the 1st-3rd base diagonal until the ball is kicked. Failure to abide by this rule results in a ball.
4. The catcher must stay directly behind the kicker and may not cross home plate before the ball is kicked. Failure to abide by this rule results in a ball.

Kicking

1. All kicks must be made by foot.
2. All kicks must occur at or behind home plate. A kick in front of home plate is called a foul.
3. Bunting is allowed.

Running

1. Runners must stay within the base line. Fielders must stay out of the base line. Fielders trying to make an out on base may have their foot on base, but must lean out of the baseline. Runners hindered by any fielder within the base line shall be safe at the base to which they were running.
2. Runners are not allowed to lead off the base.
3. Runners are not allowed to steal bases.
4. A runner off the base when the ball is kicked is out.
5. Hitting a runner with the ball above shoulder level is not allowed. Any runner hit above the shoulders is safe and advances one base. If the runner intentionally uses the head to block the ball, and is so called by the umpire, the runner is out.
6. One base on an overthrow; in taking advantage of the time loss from an overthrown ball that travels out of bounds, a runner may not run beyond the subsequent base to the one originally running toward when the ball was thrown.

Strikes

1. A count of 3 strikes is an out.
2. A strike is a pitch within the strike zone either not kicked or missed by the kicker.
3. The strike zone is 1 ft. high and extends 1 ft. to either side of home plate.

Balls

1. A count of 4 balls advances the kicker to first base.
2. A ball is:
 - A. pitch outside the strike zone
 - B. an illegal bouncy
 - C. any fielder or pitcher advancing on home plate before the ball is kicked.
 - D. any catcher crossing home plate before the kicker or failing to field behind the kicker

Fouls – on the 3rd strike, the kicker is allowed 1 foul kick; the next foul kick is an out.

1. A foul is
 - a. A kick landing out of bounds
 - b. A kick land in bounds, but traveling out of bounds on its own before reaching first or third base. (Any ball touched by in bounds fielder is automatically in play.)
 - c. A kick in front of home plate

Outs

1. A count of 3 outs by a team completes the team's half inning.
2. An out is
 - a. A count of 3 strikes or on the 3rd strike, the batter is allowed 1 foul ball; the next foul ball is an out.
 - b. A runner touched by the ball at any time while not on base
 - c. Any kicked ball(fair or foul) that is caught
 - d. A ball tag on a base to which a runner is forced to run
 - e. A runner off base when the ball is kicked.

Ball in Play

1. Once the pitcher has the ball in control and on the mound, the play ends.
2. If a runner intentionally touches or stops the ball, the play ends.

Ghost Men – Ghost runners are not allowed.

Designated Runner/Player Positions

1. If case of injury or illness, a time-out may be requested for participant removal and replacement with a substitute of the same sex. If the participant later returns to play, the participant must be inserted in the same fielding and kicking order position previously held.
2. If a player is ejected, injured, or becomes ill and cannot continue, the lineup will continue in the same formation, less the player removed.
3. The pitcher may only be replaced once per inning.

The Field Supervisor has the authority to disallow any illegal player(s) from participating.

1. A team may protest a player's eligibility, but must do so when the player(s) first enter the game either on offense or defense. When the half inning ends, the right to protest ends.
2. Penalty for use of an ineligible player is forfeiture of the game and a \$25.00 fine.

Forfeits

1. Non Appearance Forfeit: When a team fails to show up for their assigned game without notification. The team must pay a \$25.00 forfeit fee prior to participating in their next scheduled game.
2. Failure to pay the forfeit fee shall result in another Non Appearance Forfeit. Another \$25.00 fee will be assessed.
3. Exception: If a team has to forfeit, the team must contact the Sports Office at 303-441-3416 by 4:00 pm the day of the game or by 2:00 pm on Friday for games played on the weekend. If notified properly, there will be no forfeit fee charged.
4. After 3 forfeits by a team, that team will be dropped from the league and the remaining games will be rescheduled.
5. All fines can be paid in person or by phone at the South Boulder Rec. Center.

Tiebreaker Rule: If 2 or more teams have identical records at the end of league play, the following method will be used to determine league standings.

1. If a team has a forfeit on their record, it will remove that team from a tie.
2. Head to head competition: the winner of the most games played between the tied teams is awarded the higher place.
3. If the records are the same, the team with the greatest run differential is awarded the higher place.
4. If the run differential is the same, the team with the fewest defensive runs allowed is awarded the higher place.
5. If a situation not covered above occurs, a tie will be declared.
6. If there is a situation where 2+ teams are tied with the same record and have not played each other during the regular season, overall fewest defensive runs in the season allowed will be used to break the tie.

Scheduling

1. All games are scheduled by the Program Coordinator.
2. Games are not rescheduled for any reason except for adverse weather conditions or unplayable grounds.
3. Games will be played if at all possible. Games may be played when weather conditions are not ideal.

Inclement Weather: In case of inclement weather, decisions on the status of games will be made at 5:00 pm Monday through Friday and 2 hours prior to the 1st game on weekends.

1. After 4:00 pm on weekdays and after 2 hours prior to the 1st game on weekends, it is the team's responsibility to show up for the game. Be aware games may be cancelled at any time due to weather conditions.
2. If and when games are postponed, the status of games will be updated immediately.
3. **For the status of games, call 303-441-3410, press 1.**
 - a. Stazio 1,2,3,4 303-441-3454
 - b. Stazio 5,6,7 303-441-1962
 - c. East Mapleton 303-441-3455

Rescheduling of Games

1. **In case of a rain out, it is the manager's responsibility to find out the make-up game day, time & location at 303-441-3410, press 2 or go to our website at www.bouldercolorado.gov**
2. Make up schedules will be completed within two business days after a rain out. Once a game has been rescheduled, **the make-up date will not be rescheduled.**

City of Boulder Parks and Recreation Player Code of Conduct

Definitions

Manager - A person designated as the team spokesperson. One who is either a player or non-player

Player - A person who actively participates in the game, whether it is playing or sitting on the bench, and who is on the roster.

Spectator - A person who comes out to watch the games for entertainment with no physical involvement.

Official - A person on the field to administer the official rules.

Participation - Any involvement in the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department activities such as spectating, officiating, playing, coaching, registering for classes, or attending non-sporting events.

Recreation Activity - Any class or event sponsored by the Boulder Parks and Recreation Department.

Program Coordinator - The full-time Parks and Recreation employee designated to organize and supervise the activity.

No player shall:

- * At any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or threaten an official, player, or spectator.
- * Refuse to abide by an official's decision.
- * Be guilty of obscene gestures, objectionable demonstrations, or dissent of an official's decision.
- * Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of an opposing player.
- * Be guilty of physical attack as an aggressor on any player, official, or spectator.
- * Be guilty of using foul language (swearing) or abusive verbal attack upon any player, official, or spectator.
- * Appear on the field under the influence of alcohol to the extent that he/she is inclined to cause harm to him/herself or another player.

Officials are required to suspend the player immediately from further play and report the player to the Program Coordinator.

Minimum Penalty: Removal from the game, suspension from the team's next game and placed on probation for the remainder of the season.

Maximum Penalty: Suspension from all City of Boulder recreational activities for life. Case is subject to review the following year. Police involvement.

No player shall:

- * Discuss with an official in any manner the decisions reached by an official. Exception: The manager or captain may confer with the official(s) in a reasonable and civil manner.
- * Smoke while coming off or going onto the field of play in any recreation facility.

Minimum Penalty: Warning by the official.

Maximum Penalty: Suspension from all recreational activities for one year and probation for the following year. Case is subject to review the following year. Police involvement.

1. Any player being placed on probation for the remainder of the season and reported again for the violation of Code of Conduct will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
2. Any player removed from a game must leave the field, court, or facility immediately. This includes any and all city property and any other property used by the City of Boulder for programs. Failure to do so will carry a maximum penalty of suspension for the remainder of the season.
3. Any person on probation who violates the Code of Conduct will be placed on suspension until the case can be heard by the Parks and Recreation Department.
4. Any person wishing to appeal a decision reached by the Parks and Recreation Department should do so by calling the department at 303-441-3416 to set up an appointment to discuss the decision reached within 72 hours of the incident.
5. Any ejected player must pay appropriate fine and sit out the designated number of games prior to playing again.

Failure to comply will result in suspension of playing for the remainder of the season.

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