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## ADULT KICKBALL

### League Information

League is mixed recreational. Team registration fee is \$225. Edina resident teams made up of 90% Edina residents receive a \$15 discount. League will be six games and at least one playoff game. Games are played on Wednesday nights. Schedules and weekly standings will be posted on the City of Edina Parks & Recreation website. League champion team will receive championship t-shirts.

- Summer league will start June 2, 2021, registration deadline is May 20, 2021.

### Location

- Van Valkenburg Park, 4935 Lincoln Drive, Edina
- Todd Park, 4429 Vandervolk Avenue, Edina

### Equipment

Each team will be given a 10" kickball for the season. Teams are required to bring a kickball to each game.

### COVID-19 Rules

- All current local and state guidelines for facilities and athletics must be followed. As local and state guidelines are updated, they take precedent over the following rules. We will follow Minnesota Department of Health guideline for adult sports at the time of play.
- If players or anyone in their family is feeling ill, has a fever or other COVID symptoms do not attend the game.
- All players, umpires and spectators are encouraged to continue 6 feet social distancing on and off the field.
- All staff, players, umpires and spectators are encouraged to wear a mask or facial covering. Depending on MDH recommendations at time of play masks may be required.
- Avoid shared equipment. No handshakes, team huddles or high fives.
- No spitting, seeds or gum allowed for players, managers, or spectators.
- During the game, players should be seated or lined up outside the dugouts and behind the backstop to allow for social distancing. When players are in the dugout, they should maintain a six-foot distance.
- The catcher and umpire shall position themselves during a player's at-bat to allow for social distancing. Catcher shall position themselves behind the umpire, at least 6 feet, and become a "retriever", not a catcher.
- All teams are directed to clean their dugouts and team bench areas on arrival and departure. This includes wiping down benches and any high-touch areas and removing any trash.
- Teams should not enter dugout until the other team exits. Teams must leave the field and complex immediately after their game concludes.
- Spectators should be kept to a minimum. All spectators should sit along the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> baselines and in the outfield maintaining a six-foot social distance. Recommend that spectators bring their own chairs. Face coverings are encouraged.

### Roster and Players

- All players must be 18 years of age.
- Rosters are due before the first game. Players can be added to the roster until June 16, 2021.
- There is no limit to the number of players on team roster.

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- A maximum of ten players, five males and five females, can be on the field at one time. A team can play with fewer players, but no more than five males. A team may be made up of all females.
- A minimum of seven players must be present to start a game. If a team does not have enough players by the game start time the game is a forfeit.
- Metal cleats are not allowed.
- No player may wear a fielding glove.

### League Rules

- The playing field will be a softball field with 65' base paths and a 50' pitching rubber.
- Any live ball that rolls out of play will result in two free bases for the runners. Example: if a runner is on her way to second base she will be given second base and third base.
- Games are nine innings or 55 minutes, whichever comes first. A game is considered official once four full innings have been completed.
- A legal pitch must be delivered underhand at a moderate speed. A ball that bounces higher than one foot over the plate is considered a ball.
- Any pitched deemed too fast by the umpire will result in a ball. The second infraction by the pitcher will result in replacing the pitcher.
- A pitcher must have one foot on the rubber until the ball is released. After the pitch, the pitcher must stay even with or behind the rubber until the ball is kicked.
- League will use a "Limited Pitcher's-Hand Rule." The kicker is out at first base when a kicked/bunted ball is fielded by the 3<sup>rd</sup> base player or shortstop and is returned directly to the pitcher, who catches the ball and steps on the pitching rubber, prior to when the runner crosses first base.
  - For this specific force-out play only, the pitching rubber becomes first base.
  - The Picher's Hand Rule may only be used on the first fielded play by the 3<sup>rd</sup> base player/shortstop to secure an out. Example: the 3<sup>rd</sup> base player fields a ball and steps on 3<sup>rd</sup> base to secure an out. Pitcher's Hand Rule no longer applies because it's not the first fielded play.
  - The ball must be touched and fielded only by the 3<sup>rd</sup> base player/shortstop. If the ball is touched by another fielder there is no pitcher's hand.
  - The ball must be fielded on the left side of the infield by the 3<sup>rd</sup> base player/shortstop to secure an out using the Pitcher's Hand Rule.
- Bunting is allowed. When a male player bunts, the "Limited Pitcher's Hand Rule" is in effect for all infielders. Example: If a male player bunts, the catcher would only have to throw the ball to the pitcher to get an out.
- All fielders besides the catcher and pitcher must remain behind the base path until the ball is kicked. Infraction of this rule will result in kicker getting first base regardless of kick outcome.
- A fielder may throw the ball at a runner for an out. The runner is called out if the ball hits the runner below the shoulders while the runner is off the base. The umpire will interpret the rule as a runner may be sliding.
- The strike zone is one foot above the ground and on both sides of home plate.
- There is no infield fly rule. If a fielder intentionally drops the ball to execute a double play the umpire will determine fielder intent and deem runner and kicker safe.
- League will use the 3 balls and 2 strikes rule with no courtesy foul. The kicker is out on the first foul ball after the second strike.

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- Men and women must alternate in the kicking order. All players can kick and teams may use a continuous kicking order. All players present can kick in a continuous kicking order even if unequal amount of men and women.
- If a male kicker is walked, he will be given first and second base. The next batter (female) can select an automatic walk or select to kick.
- Kicker may kick the ball one stride length away from the plate in any direction.
- A runner may slide.
- A runner can't leave the base until the ball is kicked.

### **Player Conduct**

- Alcohol is not allowed in Edina parks, parking lots or surrounding streets.
- Smoking is not allowed in Edina parks or parking lots.
- Umpires have the authority to remove or ban a player and/or manager from the game and park.
- The team manager will represent and be responsible for all actions of the team while at the park. Only team manager should address the umpire on judgment calls.
- Swearing or cursing can be grounds for ejection by umpire.
- If a player is removed from a game by an umpire, League Director may impose additional consequences.
- Only players are allowed in the dugout. Children are not allowed in the dugout.

### **Weather Information**

- Captains will be emailed if games are canceled by the league director before 4:30 p.m.
- Cancellations will be displayed on [edinamn.gov/parks](http://edinamn.gov/parks)
- In questionable weather situations, game decisions will be made by the umpire at the playing field.

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