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## ADULT KICKBALL

### League Information

Fall league is recreational co-rec and a partnership with Hopkins-Minnetonka Recreation Services. Team registration fee is \$225. League will be six weeks followed by a playoff. Games are played on Wednesday nights between 6:00-9:00 p.m.

- Fall league will start Aug. 12, 2020, registration deadline is July 24, 2020. Fall league is partnership with Hopkins/Minnetonka.

### Location

- Van Valkenburg Park, 4935 Lincoln Drive, Edina

### Equipment

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

### 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 September 4, 2020.
- There is no limit to the number of players on team roster.
- A maximum of ten players, five males and five females, can be on the field at one time. A team may never have more male players than females in the field, but they may have more females than males. A team may be made up of all females.
- A minimum of eight 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 eight innings or 60 minutes, whichever comes first. A game is considered official once four full innings have been completed. If a team is up by 15 runs after 5 innings the game will be called.
- Teams may score a maximum of 8 runs per inning. In the 8<sup>th</sup> inning (or last inning due to time limit), teams may score an unlimited number of runs.
- 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.

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- For this specific force-out play only, the pitching rubber becomes first base.
- The Pitcher'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. A ball that strikes a runner below the waste is considered "live" unless it rolls out of play.
- A thrown ball striking a runner at or above shoulder height will cause a dead ball and all runners receive an additional base.
- 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.
- 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.
- When a female is kicking, all four outfielders must line up behind an imaginary line, 55 feet behind each base, until the ball is kicked. If there is a violation of this rule and an out is made, the kicker will be given credit for a single or may choose to kick again.
- 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 second home plate will be supplied by the umpire for the base runner. If the defensive player is standing on the existing home plate with the ball in their possession before the runner crosses the portable home plate, the runner is out. Once a runner makes an effort to run to home by crossing beyond half way to home from 3<sup>rd</sup> base, they must continue to run to the portable home plate or be called out. If a player touches the wrong home plate, they will be called out.
- No sliding allowed.
- 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.

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- 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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