



# KICKBALL TOURNAMENT RULES

**What is kickball?** Kickball is **similar** to baseball – the ball is kicked rather than struck with a bat. The player comes to “bat” by kicking the ball that the pitcher rolls toward home plate. The pitcher rolls the ball towards the catcher, the “batter” kicks it with his/her foot, then runs to first base, becoming a runner.

## Team Size

- 10 people per team.
- Only 9 people on the field at once for defense.
- Entire roster must be in a kicking order.
- Team Leaders are not permitted to sub in for any roles, including pitching, kicking, and fielding

## Kicking

- Must stay in the same kicking order.
- 3 strikes, and you’re out.
- A missed kick is a strike.
- A foul ball is a strike. Definition of foul ball:
  - Kicked ball landing in foul territory
  - Kicked ball touched in foul territory
  - Kicked ball landing in fair territory but touching foul territory on its own at any time before reaching first or third base
- You can get out on a foul ball.
- No balls/no walks.
- Bunting is allowed.
- Any attempt at a kick is a kick.

## Game Length

- 20 minutes.
- No new innings started with 5 minutes left.
- 10-run inning rule.
  - If ten runs are scored in an inning, the inning is over

## Miscellaneous Rules

- Homeruns are permitted **ONLY** if the kicker is the only runner (thus resulting in one run). A kick that is considered a “home run” when more than one runner is on bases counts as a double.
- Pitches must be rolling, not bouncing.
- No stealing or leading off until the ball is kicked.
- A runner cannot force the ball to hit their head.
- If the kick goes beyond the field of play but within bounds, each base runner moves up two bases. If a throw goes out of bounds, each base runner moves up one base.
- **NO COMPLAINING!** Please respect the calls of officials. **All calls are final.**

## Outs

- Force Out: A defensive player with the ball touches the base ahead of a runner who is forced to go to that base because of an advancing runner behind him
- Fly Out: If the ball is caught in the air without touching the ground first
- Tag Out: A defensive player touches the runner directly with the ball while holding it
- A defensive player may throw the ball and hit the runner on the fly with it.
- No headshots. Headshots will **not** count as an out.

## Tie

- In case of a tie, the referee will conduct a coin toss. The team that kicked first will call.