

## **Farmville Parks & Recreation Adult Kickball**

### **Eligibility**

- All teams must be registered with Farmville Parks & Recreation.
- All players MUST be at least 16 years old.
- Team registration is \$150; players not affiliated with a team may register individually for free, and a \$20 fee will be applied once placed on a team.

### **Field Rules and Regulations**

- A box will be drawn around home plate, known as the kicker's box. The kicker may stand at the back of the kicker's box and kick the ball when it is pitched to them. If a kicker kicks the ball from outside the box, it will be considered a foul ball and they will kick again.
- A circle will be drawn to designate the pitching area. Pitchers are prohibited from pitching outside of the pitching area. A play is considered dead when the ball is in the pitching area, or if the umpire has called time. Commitment Lines will be painted from both 1<sup>st</sup> base and 3<sup>rd</sup> base to the pitching area, and those lines are not to be crossed by infielders until the ball is kicked.
- Outfielders must stay in the outfield (grass) until the ball is kicked.
- Two lines will be drawn extending back from the kicker's box to designate the catcher's box. Catchers must position themselves between those lines and may not interfere with any kicking attempts. If the kicker is hindered from kicking, they will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> base.

### **League Play**

- Teams will play 6 regular season games, followed by a single-elimination tournament.
- Tournament seeding will be determined based on regular season standings.
- Practices to start Week of 6/23, Games to start Week of 7/7
- All games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Farmville Athletic Complex ball fields.
- If two teams are tied in the standings at the regular season, head-to-head results will be the first tiebreaker. Runs Scored Against will be the second tiebreaker, followed by Runs Scored For.

### **Games and Start Times**

- Games are six innings, with a one-hour time limit. Once the game has eclipsed one hour, no new innings will be held.
- If a game is tied after six innings or one hour, the game will go to extra innings until a winner is decided. In extra innings, a runner will be placed at 2<sup>nd</sup> base at the start of

each half-inning. The runner placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> base will be the last player out from the previous inning.

- After 4 innings (3 ½ if the home team is winning), if a team has an 8-run lead, the game will be ended.
- Teams must provide their lineups at least 15 minutes before their scheduled gametime.
- If a game is underway and subsequently impacted by weather, it will not be called an official game unless a minimum of 3 innings has been played.

### **Rules**

- Each team must consist of **at least two female players** in the infield or outfield and may not be catcher. If a team has three or more female players on the field, one may catch. Teams ARE allowed to consist of only female players.
- If a team can only field one female player, that player may not play catcher. That team will also start each inning with one out for failing to meet lineup requirements.
- Rosters are made up of up to 15 players, with 10 playing in the field. A minimum of 8 players on a team is needed to start a game. If one team has less than 10 players and the opposing team has 10 or more, the game will be played as is.
- Once a team has committed their fourth forfeit of the season, they will be removed from the league without a refund of their registration fee(s).
- Steel spikes are **prohibited**.

### **Pitching & Fielding**

- A legal pitch must be underhanded and no higher than one foot high at the plate.
- Pitches may not be bouncy. A pitch deemed bouncy by the umpire will be voided, and a re-pitch will occur. Pitches must be flat on the ground upon release.
- Pitches deemed too fast by the umpire will result in a ball.
- Curved pitches are allowed but must follow all rules regarding pitching.
- The pitcher must remain in the circle until the ball is kicked. Failure to do so will result in a ball.
- The catcher may not leave the catcher's box until the ball is kicked. Failure to do so will result in a ball.

## **Kicking**

- Each kicker may only kick while the ball is in the kicker's box.
- Each kicker will start with a 1-1 count. If a pitcher rolls 3 balls to the kicker, the kicker will take 1<sup>st</sup> base. If a foul ball or strike is called, the next kicking attempt must land in fair territory. Following a kicker's first strike or foul ball, their next strike or foul ball will result in an out.
- If a kicker's plant foot is outside the box when kicking, the play will be ruled dead. Teams will receive one warning per game regarding plant feet outside the kicking box; all repeat offenses will result in outs.

## **Running**

- **Sliding into 1<sup>st</sup> base is prohibited. Players sliding into 1<sup>st</sup> base will be ruled out.**
- Hitting a runner above the shoulders with the ball is not allowed. Any runner hit above the shoulders will be safe at that base and will be awarded one more base. Other baserunners will not be awarded an extra base unless forced. If a player slides and is hit above the shoulders, there will be no base reward to the baserunner, and the call on the field (out or safe) will stand as called.
- Runners intentionally using their hands, or any other body parts, to block the ball will be called out.
- **No leadoffs or base stealing.** Any player leading off or stealing will be called out.

## **Bases**

- No fielder should be in the way of a baserunner's path to a base unless the ball is in their hands. If a baserunner collides with a fielder or the path to the base is blocked, interference will be called and the nearest base will be awarded.

## **Protests**

- Players may only protest the outcome or legitimacy of a game in regard to a team's use of ineligible players.
- Protests must be submitted (in writing or via email) to Farmville Parks and Recreation within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game in question.
- The protest fee of **\$35** will only be refunded if the protest is successful.