

North Tonawanda Department of Youth, Recreation & Parks

Adult Co-Ed Kickball Rules & Regulations

I. Rosters

- a. A team's roster must consist of a minimum of 14 players (4 of which must be female)
- b. Players must be at least 16 years of age as of July 1st of 2022
- c. All players must sign a liability form in order to be considered a member of a team. NO PLAYER will be admitted to play without signing the liability form.
- d. Any player who participates on a team without first signing a liability form will cause their team to forfeit the game.

II. Game times/fields

- a. Games will start promptly at 5:45 P.M.
- b. Location of games will be at the NT City softball fields, primarily Gilmore, Stenzil, and Martinsville & Felton.
- c. Teams must have at least 8 players (4 female) by game time, or else a forfeit will be declared. The umpire's time is official.
- d. A coin flip will decide home field advantage (regular season only.) The higher seeded teams will be home in all playoff games.

III. Rules

a. Lineup & Defensive Alignment

1. A team may play with a maximum of 9 players (4 female) or a minimum of 8 players (4 female) in the field.
2. Players may be aligned in any position on the field, but a team must have a pitcher and catcher at all times.
3. Extra players not playing in the field may still bat in the lineup
4. Players can freely switch in and out of the field defensively so long as the team maintains a minimum of 4 females in the field at all times.
5. Players must maintain the same batting position for the entirety of the game
6. Kicking order MUST alternate by gender until availability of a particular gender has been exhausted.

b. The Game

1. Regulation games will be 9 innings.
2. In the event of darkness or inclement weather, games will be considered official after the completion of 5 innings
3. A fifteen (15) run rule will be in effect after 5 innings
4. Games tied at the end of 9 innings will follow the extra-innings speed up rule as follows:
 - a. The last out from the previous inning will be placed as a runner on second base.
 - b. Each half-inning will end after the defensive team has recorded two (2) outs

c. Pitching/Defense

1. Pitchers cannot bounce the ball. Any pitch higher than one foot off the ground will result in an illegal pitch and be considered a ball.
2. All pitches must be delivered in an underhand motion
3. The pitcher must have at least 1 foot in contact with the pitching rubber when releasing the ball. Exception: Martinsville and Stenzil (Umpire's discretion).
4. The pitch must be delivered at an acceptable pace based on the umpire's discretion a strike is a pitch within the strike zone that is either not kicked or missed by the kicker.
5. Foul balls are considered a strike.
6. Two strikes constitute an out. (A foul ball resulting in a second strike on a batter will also constitute an out)
7. Players may get a player out by either tagging the base on a force out or striking the runner with the kickball. NOTE: A defensive player may not hit a runner's head/neck with the ball. If done so, the runner will be awarded the base. Exception: If the runner dives, ducks or makes movement that's puts their head/neck in the path of the ball.
8. There are no lead-offs. Runners may only leave their base once the ball has been kicked by a batter. A runner will be called out for leaving a base early.

d. Kicking/Batting

1. A kick made outside the batter's box will be considered a dead ball and a strike will be called against the batter.
2. There is no bunting. A kicked ball must travel past the bunt line to be ruled a legal hit. Any ball not reaching this distance will be a dead ball, with a strike called against the batter.
3. A walk issued to any male will result in a walk to the following female as well, provided the female is the next kicker due up

e. Scores and Scheduling

1. Teams will receive a scorebook, and are responsible for keeping track of team lineups and score.
2. Winning team is responsible for reporting the final score by noon midnight the night of the game or else the game will be recorded as a loss for both teams. There are two ways to report the score
 - a. Email NTRecsoftball@gmail.com
 - b. Online www.playntrec.com – submit score button
3. Make-up dates will be scheduled for Wednesday
4. In the case of inclement weather call the sports hotline at 695-8520 and press 1 after the sound of the automated voice
5. For any questions please contact the league commissioner at 695-8582

6. Defensively all teams must have 3 outfielders in the outfield (minimum of 10 feet from the infield)
7. Teams are permitted 3 courtesy runners (must be the last out-male for a male, female for female)

F **Forfeits**

1. Any team that does not have 8 players (4 female) available at game time will forfeit the game
2. Any team that forfeits must pay a \$30 forfeit fee prior to the following week's game. Payment can be made at the Recreation Department (500 Wheatfield St.)
3. Any team that fails to pay the forfeit fee will be removed from the remainder of play for the season.

G. **Miscellaneous**

1. No metal cleats allowed. No steel toed shoes allowed.
2. All jewelry must be removed
3. Each team will receive a kickball. They will be responsible for bringing it to all games. Should the ball become warped or damaged, it can be brought to the Recreation Department for a replacement. Each team will be granted 1 replacement before a \$5 charge is applied.
4. NO ALCOHOL PERMITTED ON TEAM BENCHES.
5. Any issues or questions regarding the umpires call Paul Kirchmeyer- 716-818-1998
6. For location of fields [click here](#)