

## **BVAC Adult Kickball League Rules**

This is a co-ed kickball league for adults 18 years and older. BVAC has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy. There will be NO harassing of the officials, players or fans allowed. Please enjoy the game!!  
NO SMOKING, CHEWING, DRINKING OR PROFANITY WILL BE TOLERATED ON THE BVAC GROUNDS. No pets allowed.

### **Team Regulations:**

Team roster will consist of 10-15 members.

A maximum of 10 players on the field during play and a minimum of 7 are required (minimum of 3 must be female) on the field. This is a COED league- however women may outnumber the men.

### **Team Shirts:**

Team must be wearing the same color. Shirts do not have to match. Shirts cannot advertise smoking, drinking, profanity, or obscene names or gestures.

### **Equipment:**

The "Official" ball is a red 10" playground ball. Game ball provided by BVAC.

### **Field:**

The field is a standard Softball field. Bases will be 60 feet apart.

The pitching area is located directly between 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> base.

Metal spikes are not allowed.

The league will provide an Umpire. The umpire's word is final and not to be disputed.

Umpires may eject players, spectators, and fans for unsportsmanlike behavior.

Players remember; we are here for fun!!

### **Game Play:**

All players in attendance will kick alternating between males and females. The kicking order must alternate male & female. Females may have to kick twice before a male is able to kick once. Kicking order cannot change unless due to injury where the player is simply removed from the lineup. Only paid league members can play in the game. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Teams with fewer than 7 players, shall have a 10-minute grace period before a forfeit is declared. Grace period will be deducted from the game playing time.

Subs may be used at any time so long as they are a registered player for BVAC's kickball league and the opposing team is not opposed!!

### **Game Limits:**

No new inning may start after 50 minutes. The inning started will be completed if started before 50 minutes has passed.

Unless: If past 45 minutes and the home team is up in score, then there is no need for the home team to bat and the game will be completed. If past 45 minutes and the visiting team is up in score MORE than 9 runs, then the visiting will **not** bat and the home team will be given one more at bat and the game will be completed.

Games may end in a tie.

Game time begins when the umpire announces "Play Ball"!

The "Away" team shall bat first.

The "home" team will keep score.

Each team may have coaches at first and third bases.

There is a 9 run limit per inning except in the last inning where no limits exist.

### **Pitching and Catching:**

Pitching must be underhand. A legal pitch must be no higher than knee level of the batter. Anything higher over the plate is a ball. Pitches should be thrown at a reasonable rate. Pitches exceeding a reasonable rate will be deemed a ball.

Umpire's discretion.

The Pitcher must pitch from the rubber (running up to the rubber is not allowed).

The Pitcher must not leave the rubber until the ball is kicked.

No fielder, except the pitcher, may be in front of the bases or baselines until the ball is kicked.

The catcher must be at least 3 feet behind home plate and out of the way until the ball is kicked and may not interfere with the batter. An infraction will result in a called ball. If the ball is kicked, the result does not count.

Every team must have a catcher.

**Balls:**

4 balls is a walk.

A ball is a pitch outside the strike zone.

An un-kicked ball when a fielder crosses the 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> base diagonal base line.

Any catcher coming within 3 feet of home plate before the ball is kicked.

Any pitch that does not pass home plate.

**Outs:**

The batting team has three outs per inning. An out results due to the following:

-3 strikes

-a ball caught on the fly

-base runner forced out

-base runner is hit with the ball while not on base, ball must hit below the shoulders or will not be considered an out

-if runner is hit with the ball before run scores in third out situations, run does not score

-runner leading off base

**Strike:**

A strike consists of a ball that is rolled over any part of home plate and below knee level.

Any ball that is kicked into foul territory.

Kicking the ball before the plate.

Strike zone extends 1 foot on either side of home plate.

**Fouls:**

Every foul is considered a strike.

A foul is: A kick landing in foul territory

A kick that lands in fair territory but travels into foul territory before passing 1<sup>st</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(except when touched by a player)

A kick made beyond home plate.

**Kicking:**

All kicks must be made by foot.

The batter may not kick the ball until the ball crosses home plate (dead ball).

Bunting is allowed.

Balls and strikes will be called (3 strikes/4 balls)

A kicker may foul out. 3 fouls.

Runners must stay in the base line. If a runner leaves the baseline they are considered out.

Fielders must stay out of the base line.

Leading off and stealing are not allowed.

NO sliding.

One base -on an overthrow that passes the fence

After contact on a fly ball that is caught, the runner must tag up before advancing to the next base. Failure to tag up before advancing results in an out if the runner is tagged or the ball is thrown to the previous base.

Balls thrown at the base runner must be below the shoulders. Any head shot results in advancement to the next base. Any intentional hitting of the ball with the head by runner will result in an out.

If a ball hits the kicker in fair territory after being struck, the batter is out. Intentionally kicking the ball out of play by the batter then results in a dead ball.

All ties go to the runner.

**Ball in Play and Innings:**

Game time begins when the umpire announces "Play Ball"!

Once the pitcher has the ball in control the play is over.

If the runner is already advancing to the next base, they may continue. This is COMPLETELY up to the umpire and may not be argued!

Three (3) out by a team constitutes a half inning.

**Awards:**

All games will count in standings. Shirts will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> place team at the end of the season.