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Tournament Rules

A Basic Guide for Kickin' for the Kingdom

Kickball is typically played on a field similar in layout to a baseball diamond, with four bases arranged in a diamond shape. The game is played between two teams, with one team kicking and the other team fielding. Here's a step-by-step guide to how kickball is played:

The Setup

- ****Teams:**** Kickball is played with two teams, usually consisting of 9 to 12 players each. ages middle school and up. Each team must have four females with at least one on the field playing at all times.
- ****Field:**** The field includes four bases—first, second, third, and home plate—arranged in a diamond. The pitcher's mound is located in the center of the diamond. There will be four fields involved.
- ****Ball:**** Kickball uses a large rubber ball, typically 8 to 10 inches in diameter.

Starting the Game

1. ****Choosing Roles:**** Before the game starts, teams decide which will kick and which will field first by a coin toss. Winner decides home or away with home kicking last.
2. ****Pitching:**** The pitcher rolls the ball toward home plate, aiming for the kicker to kick it into play.

Kicking the Ball

- The player at the plate attempts to kick the ball when it's rolled toward them.
- The kick must be made into fair territory (within the boundaries of the field) to be considered in play. A ball is considered fair if it lands or is touched in fair territory or passes the 1st or 3rd base line in fair territory.
- If the ball is kicked outside of the foul lines, it results in a foul ball. For expediency of the games, 3 fouls balls are an out.

Running the Bases

- After kicking the ball, the player runs toward first base and attempts to make their way around the bases to reach home plate and score a run.
- Runners can stay on a base if they believe they won't make it to the next base safely.

Fielding the Ball

- The fielding team's goal is to stop the kicker from reaching base or scoring by catching the ball, tagging runners, or throwing the ball to hit them.
- A player is out if:
 - The ball is caught before touching the ground.
 - They are tagged with the ball while not on a base.
 - They are hit by the ball below the neck during play.

Rules of Kickball

While the basic gameplay is straightforward, there are several rules that help maintain the structure and fairness of the game. Here are the most important rules:

Game Duration

- A game typically lasts for sixty minutes taking a turn to kick and field.
- Double elimination.

Scoring

- A run is scored when a player successfully advances through all bases and touches home plate without being tagged or called out.

Kicking Rules

- Players must kick the ball with their foot or leg. Using hands or other body parts is not allowed.
- The kicker must stay within the designated kicking box while making their kick.
- A foul ball occurs when the ball is kicked outside the foul lines or does not travel beyond a specific distance.

Outs

Each team gets three outs per inning. Players can be called out for the following reasons:

- The ball is caught by the fielding team before touching the ground.
- A runner is tagged with the ball while off base.
- A runner is hit with the ball below the neck while trying to advance.

Base Running

- Runners must follow the base path in order and touch each base.
- Runners cannot leave their base until the ball is kicked.
- Sliding into bases is not allowed.

Fielding Rules

- Fielders must avoid obstructing runners or the kicker's play.
- The ball must be thrown below the neck to hit a runner. A head shot does not result in an out.



TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES

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The purpose of this tournament is to raise funds for the Missions we support and the teams we send to help in these areas. We focus on helping to reach the children in these areas and to help with medical needs in the area. So this is a fund-raising opportunity. Each team is to raise a minimum of \$1000 each. The team that raises the most will receive an award.

1. Team Sponsor - responsible for team expenses, team shirts. Can be a business, individual, or divided among team members. Entry fee of \$250.
2. First game starts at 9:00 AM sharp. Teams should arrive at 8:00 AM to register roster. Team signs in at sign-in table to say we are here and to get numbers. Coach designation: Coach can play but is included in team member count. Two coaches per team. 9-10 players on field, 12 max on roster, 8 teams in tournament.
3. Team shirts- assigned team color at registration, tournament will supply numbers, team shirts are responsibility of the team or team sponsor. Doesn't have to be printed - color is main importance.
4. No metal spikes on shoes allowed.
5. Dress for appropriately and for comfortable play. Wear clothing that provides appropriate coverage and support for the activity.
6. No foul language.
7. Good sportsmanship is mandatory.
8. Tournament is being held at the Greene County Recreation Department facility 2741 Old Union Point Road, Greensboro, GA 30642.
9. Double elimination puts you in the losers bracket but you can advance by winning the rest of the games. The championship game is the winner of the winners bracket playing the winner of the losing bracket for the final game.
10. 60 minute clock on all games.