



Adult Kickball Rules

The City of Murrieta Adult Kickball league is intended to be a fun league for all who participate. The rules have been written in such a manner that allows for all involved to experience a new, exciting and fun league. The intent of the kickball league is of a recreational nature with as few restrictions as possible.

City of Murrieta Weather Hotline number: 951-461-6101

Rosters:

The Summer Adult Kickball league will adopt an open roster policy throughout the season. ALL players must sign the player card before the start of each game. ANY player failing to sign the player card will NOT be eligible to play in that night's game. Teams can have up to 13 players on their roster with a minimum of 8.

Playing Field:

The playing field will be the same as a regulation softball field. Base paths will be 60 feet, and the pitching rubber will be at 50 feet.

The Game:

Teams will play 6 innings or 40 minutes, whichever comes first.

Pitching: The ball must be delivered in an underhanded motion and released before the pitcher crosses the pitching rubber. Pitchers are not permitted to roll the ball with excessive speed towards home plate; a ball pitched in this manner will be called a ball even if it crosses the strike zone. Pitchers may bounce the ball and a strike will be called as long as the ball crosses the plate at a height such that the top of the ball is not higher than the bottom of the kicker's knee. For all illegal rolls: time will be called and a ball will be added to the count on the kicker.

There will be no **EXCESSIVE SPEED THROWS.**

Strike Zone:

A strike is called when any part of the ball crosses any part of the extended home plate, and is no higher than knee level off the ground when it crosses the plate. (Home plate Extension: 12 inches on either side of the plate for a total strike zone of 41 inches.)

Base Running:

No lead-offs or stealing will be allowed. If this happens, an automatic out is incurred on the kicking team. If a base runner intentionally interferes with the play of the ball or tries to catch the ball in anyway, that runner will be declared an out and any runner who the fielding team would have had a chance to get out will also be out.

Pinch Runners:

A pinch runner will be allowed when the umpire has determined that a player is injured and a pinch runner is warranted. Pinch runners are only allowed in the event of an injury. The pinch runner must be of the same gender of the player that is being replaced.

Kicking:

All kickers will start off with a 1 and 1 count.

A kicker will be called out on 3 strikes, or will be awarded first base on a 4 ball count. Kickers having two (2) strikes will be allowed one (1) foul ball on the third strike. The kicker will be out for any foul ball in excess of one on the third strike, or for any called third strike. Kickers must strike the ball with their foot and cannot kick the ball until it crosses home plate, or is over home plate. If a ball is kicked in front of this area the batter will be declared out. A ball can be kicked anywhere at or behind home plate. Balls that hit the strike zone cone are still live balls and can be kicked.

BUNTS BY EITHER GENDER WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY IF.

The ball crosses the designated arch line to be considered a fair ball. The distance between the designated arch line and home plate will be considered foul territory. This area will be considered foul territory and all of the rules apply as such. If the ball is touched in foul territory it will be a foul ball. A male batter, who is walked during his time at bat without receiving a strike call or intentionally walked prior to any pitched, shall be awarded second base, giving the female batter following him the option of taking first base.

Fair and Foul Balls:

The criteria for fair and foul balls will correspond with the rules of baseball and softball. Any ball that first lands on the foul side of the line will be ruled a foul ball. Balls that first land in the field of play, or on the chalk or painted line will be considered fair and in play.

Line-ups:

Team Managers may bat/kick a maximum of (13) thirteen players and minimum of (8) players. Only 10 players are allowed to be on the field for defense. Coed rules state that there always has to be an even amount of girls/boys or no more than one gender difference (example: 5 Male to 4 Girls or 5 Girls to 4 Males). Teams must alternate the batting order with different genders at all times, male/female, female/male.

Defensive Field Position:

Teams will not be allowed to have more than seven (7) players in the infield at the time of the pitch. In addition, all defensive players must be positioned behind the pitcher at the time of the pitch, and may not charge forward of the pitcher until the ball has been kicked. Position players for the field include the following: 1st base, 2nd base, 3rd base, shortstop, pitcher, catcher, left field, center field, right field, and a rover. The rover is the only position player that can freely move from the outfield to the infield. Outfielders must remain behind the 160ft. outfield arc until the ball is kicked. If a player crosses the outfield arc before the ball is kicked, that play will be void and the batter will have the option of being awarded first base and any base-runners will only advance if forced; or having the option of continuing her at bat with the prior count of balls and strikes.

Tagging/Throwing Area:

The legal tag area will be from the shoulder and below. Defenders are NOT allowed to throw a ball at a runner in an attempt to get a player out under any circumstances.

Player is Out:

A player is out when strike 3 is recorded by the umpire. A second foul ball on a 2 strike count constitutes an out. Tagged out or forced out going to a base (the legal tag area will be from the shoulder down.) Their kick is caught by a defensive player in the air before it touches the ground.

Note: Throwing a ball and hitting a player above the waist with the ball constitutes a penalty to the defense. The player is not out and receives one (1) extra base; other runners move up as needed.

Substitutions:

Free substitution for any player; must be for the same gender (male for male, female for female).

Tie Game:

Regular season games: Games ending in a tie will stand as played.

Playoff games: In the event of a tie score between the playing teams at the end of fifty (40) minutes of play or six (6) innings, the game will continue and each half inning will begin with one base runner (last out in previous inning) starting on second base.

Game Balls:

Game ball will be provided by the Murrieta Parks and Rec. Department.

The City of Murrieta Adult Kickball league director reserves the right to add, delete and amend its adult kickball rules and regulations at any time for the betterment of the league.

Forfeits:

A ten (10) minute grace period will be given from the start of all scheduled game times and will come off the game time. The official's watch is the official time. After the second forfeit, the team may be ejected from the remainder of the season, they will forfeit all rights and fees paid.

Park Rules: There is a zero tolerance policy for alcohol at all City of Murrieta Parks. Sunflower seeds are not allowed at Torrey Pines Park.