

RCI Sports Kickball Tournament Rules and Regulations

Tournament rules and regulations will follow the World Kickball Association (WAKA) guidelines with some modifications highlighted below. For clarity, the below listed rules will be used in place of any conflicting WAKA guideline.

WAKA Guidelines: <https://kickball.com/rules/>

Player Eligibility

- All players must be over the age of 18 to participate except where an exemption has been granted by RCI in writing prior to competition.
- All participants must be written on a line up card prior to the start of the game. This line up will reflect the batting order and act as a waiver to participate.
- Each team must have a minimum of 4 females and 4 males on the field at all times.

Teams

- Each game will have two participating teams. Team designations (home vs away) will be determined by a coin flip at home plate prior to the games play with the umpire.
- Team captains are expected to coordinate and ensure their teams adhere to the rules and regulations of the tournament.

Game Timeline

- Pool Play Games will last 40 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first.
- Bracket or playoff games will last 50 minutes or 7 innings. Whichever comes first.
- If the time expires during an inning, the teams will keep playing until the inning is over unless the home team is at bat and has the lead.
- No new innings will commence with 2 minutes left in the game.
- In the event of a tied game, the game will be recorded as a tie in pool play.
NOTE: Bracket or playoff games will be played to a result.
 - Any inning commenced to break a tie after time or the innings limit has been reached will start the inning with runners on first and second base. These will be the two preceding batters in the batting line up.

Kicking

- The kicking order should resemble the line-up form given to the umpires before play.

- No more than 10 kickers can rotate through the kicking line-up.
- RCI Sports **does not** require the kicking order to alternate gender. However a minimum of 4 males and 4 females must be in the line-up at all times.
- If line-ups fail to meet these requirements, they will receive a ghost out when the line-up error occurs.
- **SPECIAL GROUND RULE:** All kicks must be taken with one foot on or behind the line of the front of home plate and kicks must clear the front red colored turf (home plate circle) to be deemed fair. Any kick in violation will be considered a foul ball.

Pitching

- Balls must be pitched by hand with no restrictions on pitching style.
- The pitcher must start the act of pitching with at least one foot in contact with the pitching rubber.
- The pitcher must have at least one foot on or directly behind the pitching rubber when releasing the ball.
- No part of the pitcher's foot may be in front of the pitching rubber.
- "Bouncies" are allowed but it must bounce at least twice before home-plate.
- Strikezone is 1' on all sides of home-plate.

Scoring

- If after the completion of 5 innings (or 4 ½ innings if home team) a team is leading by 10 runs or more, this will constitute a mercy rule and the game will end.
- In the event of a forfeit, the recorded score will be 7-0.

Fielding

- At least 4 males and 4 females must be on the field at all times when playing defense.
- There are no rules regarding gender placement in the infield or outfield.
- No more than 10 players are allowed on the field in defensive positions at a time. This count includes the pitcher and the catcher.

Injury/Substitution

- In case of an injury, time outs may be called.
- If a batter needs a substitute runner after the initial kick due to injury or a pre-existing medical reason, they may do so after the batter is deemed safe on 1st. Replacement runners are limited to one per innings and will be the last runner of a similar gender to be out.