

## **RCI Sports Kickball Tournament Rules and Regulations**

League rules and regulations will follow the World Kickball Association guidelines with some modifications highlighted below.

Link: (<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.

### 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.
- Team Captains are expected to coordinate and ensure their teams adhere to the rules and regulations of the league.

### Game Timeline:

- Pool Play Games will last 40 minutes or 7 innings, whichever comes first.
- Bracket or playoff games will last 55 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 5 minutes left in the game.
- In the event of a tied game, the game will be recorded as a tie in pool play. Bracket or playoff games will be played to a result.

### Kicking:

- The kicking order should resemble the line-up form given to the Referees before play. They must alternate male-female until they have exhausted a gender or run out of batting slots. No more than 10 kickers can rotate through the kicking line-up. Substitution may occur with the appropriate gender.
  - Ex: I have 4 females and 6 males. The first 8 must alternate male-female.
  - Note: you cannot double up a gender until all of the players of the other gender have been rotated through.
- If line ups fail to meet these requirements, they will receive a ghost out when the line-up error occurs.

### 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 in favor of the team that did not forfeit.

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>. Replacement runners will be the last runner of similar gender to be out.