

# UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

## Intramural Sports



## INTRAMURAL KICKBALL RULES HANDOUT

### ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. You must have a University of Tennessee ID to participate. NO ID, NO PLAY...NO EXCEPTIONS!
2. No Person shall play on more than one single sex and co-rec team per sport. If caught doing so by supervisor or official, Player shall be suspended for remainder of season and that game shall be forfeited. Opposing team does not have to protest if caught by supervisor or official.
3. No person shall use false identification in order to participate. If caught, person will be suspended from Intramural Sports and possibly RecSports for a period determined by the Intramural Program Coordinator.

### THE GAME

1. Kickball is played on a regulation softball field.
2. Shoes must be worn by all players. No metal, hard plastic or polyurethane spikes or shoes with detachable cleats are allowed.
3. Forfeit time has been established as game time; teams should report 15 minutes before the scheduled starting time of the game to fill out the score sheet and for the coin flip.
4. The manager or team representative must list the batting order prior to the start of the game.

5. A coin flip will determine the choice of home and visiting teams. Be ready to bat/kick in proper order. Teams should hustle in and out between innings as there is a time limit in effect.
6. First and last names must be legibly printed on the scorecard (no nicknames please).

### **PLAYING REGULATIONS:**

1. Current A.S.A. Softball Rules will govern kickball with the following emphases and modifications.
2. Kickball(s) will be provided by the Intramural Office.
3. A team consists of 8 players. A minimum of 6 is needed to start and continue a game. Only 8 players may play in the field but all players may be on the kicking order.
4. Games are 5 innings or 30 minutes.
5. A half inning will consist of 3 outs.
6. The defensive team can set up their defense however they choose.
7. The batter is out in situations similar to softball (force-outs, pop-outs, etc.). In addition, a runner is out when he/she is hit by a thrown ball below the shoulders.
8. A runner who is NOT in a regular standing/running position that gets hit in the face/head will be ruled out (example: bending down to avoid getting hit).
9. The ball is put in play when the pitcher (a player on the defensive team) rolls the ball toward home plate and the batter attempts to kick the ball. The batter must wait for the ball to be within three feet of home plate before kicking the ball. If the batter does not like the pitch, he/she should not attempt to kick it, and another pitch will be thrown. There are no strikeouts or walks. A batter gets only one attempt at kicking the ball. A missed attempt or foul ball is an out.
10. A runner who leaves the base before the pitch reaches home plate or is hit, is out and the ball is dead. Leading off and stealing bases between pitches is not allowed.
11. In order to prevent injury and protect the defensive player attempting to make a play on a base runner, the base runner must be called out, if

- he/she remains on his/her feet, and deliberately, with great force crashes into a defensive player holding the ball, waiting to apply a tag. If the act is determined to be flagrant, the offender shall also be ejected. A designated batter or extra batter is allowed.
12. Bunting will not be permitted and is a dead ball and an automatic out.
  13. There will be no officials; kickball will be self-officiated on the honor system.
  14. There is no infield fly rule

**COREC MODIFICATIONS:**

1. Teams will consist of 8 players: 4 males and 4 females. A minimum of 6 is needed to start and continue a game. Only 8 players may play in the field but all players may be on the kicking order.
2. If a team only has 7 players, the combination must be either: 4 males and 3 females or 4 females and 3 males
3. If a team only has 6 players, the combination must be 3 males and 3 females
4. The kicking order must alternate gender.
5. An automatic out will be assessed when individuals of the same gender kick back-to-back
6. Teams must always be within one gender of each other in the field.

**Kickball rules.....4/09**