

## 2024 Kickball Tournament

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- 1. Games will consist of 7 innings or 45 minutes time limit. The game clock will start at game start time.
- 2. The following "run rules" will be in effect as follows: 20 runs after four innings and 15 runs after five innings. For now, there will be no limit on runs scored in an inning.
- 3. Teams will consist of 10 players on the field but may start the game with 9 (1 automatic out at end of batting lineup). If the 10th player arrives, then they will occupy the 10th position in the batting order.
- 4. Teams consist of equal number of 5 men and 5 women, but can start with 9 playrs as long as there are not more men than women. Kicking order must remain staggered male/female. The pitcher/catcher must be a male/female combination (exception: woman-woman, more women than men on field) the infield must have 2 males and 2 females other than the pitcher/catcher combo. The outfield must have the same ratios. In addition, all outfielders must remain in the outfield grass until the ball is kicked.
- 5. Everyone will come to the plate with a with a 1 strike and 1 ball count already.
- 6. The pitcher delivers the ball, and must do so with one foot in contact with the pitching rubber. If the ball passes through the strike zone and the kicker does not make contact, it counts as a strike. A ball that goes wide of the strike zone will count as a ball.
- 7. Pitches will be thrown in a civil manner at a reasonable rate and not excessively bouncy. <u>Fast pitch and curve balls are not allowed</u>. Any pitch deemed by the ump or field monitor to be out the context of a casual pitch (fast or with curve) will result in a warning to the pitcher and a called ball. The next infraction will result in replacing the pitcher.
- 8. A kicker must wait until a pitched ball is within three feet of home plate before attempting a kick.



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- 9. Bunting: there will be a "male bunt line" and a "Female bunt line"
- Should a male choose to bunt, the ENTIRE ball must travel past the horizontal line in front of the pitcher's circle. If the ball fails to entirely travel past the Male bunt line, it is considered a foul ball.
- Should a Female choose to bunt, the ENTIRE ball must travel past the horizontal line that is 5 feet in front of the home plate. If the ball fails to entirely travel past the Female bunt line, it is considered a foul ball.
- Should a Female choose to bunt, the ENTIRE ball must travel past the horizontal line that is 5 feet in front of the home plate. If the ball fails to entirely travel past the Female bunt line, it is considered a foul ball.
- 10. After time has expired or 7 innings of play, tied ball games shall go to 1-pitch play.
- Count is 3 balls, 2 strikes, and 1 foul ball
- A foul ball in 1-Pitch will be dead, batter is out, and the runners cannot advance on a catch.
- The offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat last in that respective half inning being placed on second base.
- Play will continue until a winner is determined.
- 11. Game balls will be provided by the City of Austin Parks Dept. and will be brought to the game by the official. Teams are not permitted to warm up with the game ball.
- 12. Players must wear shirts, pants, or playing shorts, and shores at all times. No flip-flops or spikes will be permitted.
- 13. Tagging runner or base or hitting runner is permissible
  - NO head shorts (that's above the waist)
  - If runner gets hit above the waist, they are allowed the base
- 14. Lineups must be turned in to the official 5 minutes prior to game time.



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15. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY for profanity, taunting, and trash talking. Any players, manager, and/or coach will be ejected for the use of such. Managers are responsible for their players' and fans' behavior prior to, during, and after all games.

## Kickball Bunting Diagram

