

**University of Oregon
Intramural Sports**

Kickball Rules

The Game

1. Two teams of 11 players (catchers are mandatory if a team has 9 or more players)
2. Minimum to start is 8 players (COED Ratio is 5:6 in favor of either gender)
3. 7 innings or 50 minute time limitation (new innings not started after 45 minutes)
4. If a team is leading by 20+ runs after 4 completed innings, game is called.
5. Each team will have a 5 minute grace period from game time
6. Games are played rain or shine

Eligibility

1. Current U of O students faculty and staff only
2. EVERY PLAYER MUST BE ON THE ROSTER TO PARTICIPATE BY DESIGNATED DEADLINE
3. Players must bring a valid UO ID to EVERY game
4. NO ID = NO PLAY

Equipment

1. Proper footwear is mandatory
2. No metal spikes allowed. Soccer/rubber cleats are permitted
3. Intramural sports will provide all other equipment

Scoring

1. Teams can score a maximum of 7 runs per inning
2. After the 7th run is scored the inning will end regardless of outs
3. Extra innings will be played until a winner is found

Balls/Strikes/Outs

1. Four balls = walk; Three strikes = out; Three outs = one half inning
2. **Foul balls count as strikes AND four foul balls in one at-bat = out**
3. Strike = any ball missed by a kick attempt; any ball that crosses over the plate below the knee without a kick attempt; any ball that is kicked and lands in foul territory.
4. Ball = any ball not kicked that did not cross over the plate; any ball crossing over the plate above the knee
5. Foul Ball = any ball that is kicked and lands outside the foul-ball lines. A ball in the air that is touched in fair territory and lands in foul territory is FAIR. A ball in the air that is touched in foul territory and lands in fair territory is FOUL. A ball in the air that is touched in foul territory and lands in foul territory is FOUL. A ball that goes directly behind the backstop on a fly is OUT OF PLAY and therefore foul – it cannot be caught.
6. Outs = 4 foul balls; 3 strikes; any kicked ball that is caught in the air; any force out at a base; any peg out (NO HEAD SHOTS)

Pitching

1. Bounces and spins are allowed by the pitcher but ball must be below batter's knee upon crossing the plate
2. Pitcher must start with one foot on pitching line
3. Any pitching style is allowed

Kicking

1. Kicks must occur behind the plate (violation = strike)
2. Kickers can start outside kicking box but must have 1 foot in box at contact (violation = strike)

3. Lineup must alternate between males and females. If a team is playing an odd number of players, two same gender players may bat in a row at the end of the batting order to maintain the original batting order. No more than 2 consecutive hitters may be the same gender.
4. Line-ups are non-continuous. Only players on the field can bat. No exceptions.

Base Running

1. No lead offs or steals
2. If a ball is not kicked it becomes a dead ball when it crosses the plate
3. NO HEAD FIRST DIVING ALLOWED, unless going back to a base. Infraction = automatic out
4. Feet first sliding is permitted within the base path (except at home plate, infraction = automatic out)
5. Any sliding that intentionally initiates contact will result in the player being called out and may result in ejection from the game depending on the circumstances
6. The white portion of first base is for the first baseman ONLY. Runners must touch the orange portion. Failure to do so will result in the runner being called out.
7. Once the runner from third to home has passed the COMMITMENT LINE (approx. 45 ft) he/she must continue home. Should the runner turn back to 3rd base the play will be dead and the runner will be called out
8. The front portion of home plate is for the catcher ONLY. Runners must touch the back portion of the plate. Failure to do so will result in an out.
9. NO SLIDING AT HOME PLATE (this includes feet first and head first sliding) Infraction = automatic out

Ground Rules

1. A ball that clears the cones on the fly is a homerun
2. A ball that bounces/rolls past the cones WITHOUT being touched is a ground-rule double
3. A ball that bounces/rolls past the cones AFTER being touched is a live ball
4. Robbing homeruns is allowed. Must have 1 foot "inbounds" inside of the cones AND secured the ball to be a legitimate out

Sports Code

1. All participants and spectators are governed by the SPORTS CODE available in the SRC.
2. Team captains are responsible for their sidelines and spectators
3. Negative consequences for the team may result as a direct reaction to spectators' behaviors or actions.
4. Teams must have a 4 sports code to advance in all tournament games

NO alcoholic beverages permitted on University property
Zero tolerance for any racial or sexual derogatory comments

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