



CHARLESTON KICKBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

BYLAWS

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Summary of Amendments

1. Adopted April 28, 2016, subject to addition of language regarding successor to President, breaking ties when voting, registration fee, Conflict of Interest Policy, and grammatical revisions.
2. Amended December 15, 2016, to include new board positions and provisions for payment of person for website administration/registration/scheduling.
3. Amended March 2, 2017, to include rule changes related to kicks taken in front of the plate, illegal pitches, infield fly rule, and out of bounds areas. All passed on voice vote at annual meeting.
4. Amended March 12, 2018, to add position of vice president, revise language allowing greater flexibility with registration, increase allowed petty cash to \$500, and clarify rule regarding a runner intentionally hitting/kicking the ball.
5. Amended March 12, 2019, to revise language regarding a runner taking an extra base when a ball goes out of play, capping the number of free agents who may sign up together, and clarify other language.
6. Amended March, 2021, incorporating changes from 2020 annual meeting (regarding illegal players on rosters, forfeits, etc.), appointing Shelly White as Treasurer, Devon Lopez as Secretary, and Derek Watt and Morgan Busse as captain representatives, adding “no bunting” rule for a team up 8 runs or more.
7. Amended March 16, 2022, to incorporate rule changes including no runner on second base in extra innings, allowing extra innings during regular season if time, amending “illegal kick” rule, changing tie breaker to run differential, clarifying rules regarding safety base and fouls.
8. Amended March __, 2023, to incorporate rule changes regarding announcing of “infield fly rule” and out of bounds areas, appointing Andy Maxwell as Vice President and Glen Morris as Official Rep, updating official address, Board of Directors term limits, registration fee increase,

I. Philosophy, Purpose and Membership

- A. The organization shall be known as the Charleston Kickball Association, Inc. d/b/a Charleston Kickball Association (“CKA”) and will abide by these bylaws.
- B. The address of CKA’s initial principal office is 1906 Woodside Circle, Charleston, West Virginia, 25314, or at some other place within the United States, as the board of directors from time to time shall designate.
- C. In pursuit of its objects and purposes, CKA shall have all the same powers and authority as set forth in W. Va. Code § 31E-3-302, as amended, or any successor law, and all other powers and authority necessary or convenient for carrying out the objects and purposes set forth in these Bylaws.
- D. The bylaws will ensure the orderly conduct of CKA business by creating a climate that promotes teamwork and fosters cooperation among all persons involved.
- E. The bylaws will provide a uniform and consistent policy of operational conduct for the CKC.
- F. Interpretation of the bylaws should reflect moderation, fairness and sound judgment, with conscious consideration given to the total needs of the persons involved.
- G. CKA is formed exclusively for the charitable purposes of lessening neighborhood tensions, eliminating prejudice and discrimination, combating community deterioration, improving human health, fostering amateur sports competition, and conferring additional benefits on the community by operating an adult kickball league, including the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated in West Virginia in furtherance of that purpose.
- H. No part of the net earnings of the corporations shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these Bylaws. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, CKA shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- I. Upon the dissolution of CKA, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes

II. Board of Directors

- A. CKA's affairs shall be managed by its board of directors (the "Board"). The Board shall manage, regulate, govern and conduct the affairs and business of CKA directly and through its officers in fulfillment and furtherance of the purposes of CKA as described in the Articles of Incorporation. The Board shall also have the power and authority to do and perform all acts and functions consistent with these Bylaws.
- B. The Directors shall be appointed by the President at or before the Annual Meeting each year. Term of office shall be until the next Annual Meeting or until a new director is appointed, whichever is later, with no restrictions on the number of terms.
- C. Each Director shall have one vote in CKA policy decisions. The Directors shall have and exercise all the power necessary to control the scheduling, operation, grievances, protests and policies of CKA.
- D. The Directors are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, two (2) Team Captains, and two (2) Officials.
- E. Meetings:
 - 1. A properly called Board meeting is required to appoint Directors or change the Rules, Bylaws, or any other written policy of CKA. Meetings will normally be called annually. The President shall preside over and run the meeting.
 - 2. Directors and other interested parties must be notified at least one week before the meeting or a meeting notice placed in a local newspaper one week before the meeting. The notification period does not apply to special meetings where those persons involved are notified and agree to a meeting schedule.
 - 3. A quorum of Directors of the Board is required to conduct any business requiring a Board vote.
 - 4. Decisions will be by a majority vote of the Directors present. In the event of a tie, the President shall cast the deciding vote.
 - 5. At any meeting for disciplinary actions the attendance will be limited to those persons directly involved.
 - 6. Whenever the vote of the Board is required or permitted to be taken at a meeting in connection with any action by the Board, the meeting and vote may be dispensed with if all of the directors shall agree in writing to such actions being taken, and such agreement shall have the same effect and validity as though the action were duly taken by the unanimous vote of all the directors at a meeting called and duly held.
- F. A Director vacancy for the unexpired term will be filled by appointment by the President.
- G. The President shall designate a person as his/her successor who will take office at some designated time in the future, or in the event the President resigns or is unable to perform the duties of office, whichever comes first. The successor may be, but is not

required to be, a current member of the board. In the event the President resigns or is unable to perform the duties of office and no successor has been appointed, the Vice President shall assume the position of President and thereafter appoint a new Vice President.

H. Directors may be removed from office at the discretion of the President.

I. Board Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Supervise all functions relating to the procurement of sponsors, procurement of contracts for playing fields, registration of players, team formation, game scheduling, post-season tournament.
2. Perform administrative functions that are necessary for the conduct of CKA business.
3. May create other non-Board voting positions to conduct business such as grounds keeper, event chairman, etc.
4. Maintain an email account, website, Facebook page, and any other social media account deemed by the Board to be appropriate.
5. Be responsible for all functions relating to the purchase, storage, issue and return (as necessary) of all equipment.
6. Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services on the Board, but may receive reasonable compensation for duties outside of service on the board, such as officiating, groundskeeping, scheduling, registration, website management, and similar activities.
7. Directors shall abide by the CKA Conflict of Interest Policy, which is incorporated by reference and attached as Exhibit B.

J. Directors' Duties And Responsibilities:

1. President/Commissioner: Conducts CKA business within the framework of the Bylaws; maintains a close liaison with the Directors and coordinates activities through the Board; keeps all funds, securities, evidence of indebtedness and other valuable documents in the name of the Club; deposits funds and securities in the name and to the credit of the Club in a bank or depository; collects fees; pays expenses; schedules and presides over general and Board meetings; appoints Directors; and calls special meetings.
2. Vice-President: Assists the President with the President's Duties and Responsibilities except the appointment of Directors.
3. Treasurer: Keeps in appropriate books, an account of all money received and paid out; renders annual reports of the funds, receipts and disbursements of CKA at an annual general meeting just prior to the election of Directors and as requested by the Board; has available an oral or written financial report at each Board meeting; submits the financial records for an audit at the discretion of the Board; at the request of the Board conducts a reconciliation at the end of each Treasurer's term of

office to the satisfaction of the Board; and ensures that correct and appropriate tax documents are filed with the Federal and State governments pursuant to applicable law.

4. Secretary: Keeps minutes of all meetings and presents them at the Board meetings for approval; issues notices of meetings; maintains CKA Facebook page and social media; prepares materials for marketing and promotion; maintains players and coaches lists.
5. Team Captains: Attend meetings and provide input regarding rules, scheduling, tournament format, location, and other topics at the request of the President.
6. Officials: Attend meetings and provide input regarding rules, scheduling, tournament format, and other topics at the request of the President. Oversee officials and ensure properly trained officials are available and present for all league games. Officials may receive reasonable compensation, to be determined by the President with the input of the remaining board members, for groundskeeping, scheduling, registration, website management, and similar activities.

III. Teams

A. Registration:

1. The Board is responsible for setting up and overseeing the registration of teams and players, and may provide reasonable compensation to an Official or other person to assist with this process.
2. Registration is available to all persons who have attained the age of twenty one (21), who are physically able to participate, and who have not been banned from CKA events.
3. Registration shall be online via the league website: www.chaskickball.com .
4. Captains are required to register their team before team players may register.
5. Teams are required to have at least fifteen (15) players, at least four (4) of whom must be female.
6. Free agents may be added to teams at the discretion of the Board.
7. Individual player registration is \$35.
8. Team players may register at any time within the designated registration period after the Captain has registered the team.
9. Free agents may register at any time during registration.
10. A player becomes an official team member only after payment of required registration fee and signature of the waiver form.
11. No refunds shall be given without the approval of the Board.

12. Teams may not add players to their roster after the published cutoff date unless players are needed to fill out existing teams, which registration will be at the discretion of the President with the input of the board.
13. If circumstances warrant (e.g., injury, illness, or a player moving), teams may make a roster switch after registration but prior to the first game, at the discretion of the President with the input of the Board. The switch must be a person of the same gender. However, no new t-shirts will be ordered.
14. No roster changes will be permitted after the first game, for any reason.

IV. Conduct

- A. It shall be the duty of each player, coach, parent, guardian and spectator to conduct him/her in a manner becoming a good sportsman.
- B. Serious or continued misconduct can result in a suspension from CKA by the Board with a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Directors.
- C. Fighting or unacceptable language among players, coaches, parents, guardians or spectators could result in instant dismissal from participation from the rest of the game and the following game. The Board may impose additional disciplinary action after the investigation.

V. General Rules of Play

- A. Play shall be governed by the Official Charleston Kickball Association Rules, which are attached as Exhibit A and are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. In the event of a discrepancy between the Rules and these Bylaws, these Bylaws control.
- B. The Rules may be changed by the Board at a properly-called meeting.

VI. Club Finances

- A. Operating funds will be derived from sponsorships and registration fees.
- B. A financial report will be provided at each annual Board meeting.
- C. A budget will be submitted by the President and approved by the Board at the annual meeting. The budget shall include a proposed registration fee which will be set forth in the bylaws and, when included with any sponsorships, shall be sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to cover CKA's expenses and provide for an appropriate savings to cover unforeseen expenses. Funds remaining at the end of the regular season may be expended toward enhancement of the tournament experience at the discretion of the Board.
- D. CKA will have only one checking account for financial operations, with the exception of petty cash not to exceed five hundred (\$500) dollars for reasonable and necessary incidental expenses.
- E. The authorized signature of the President must be filed with the bank. Signatures of other Board members may be added to the account at the President's discretion.

VII. Miscellaneous Provisions

- K. CKA shall keep complete and correct books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board. All books, records and minutes of the Corporation may be inspected by any director or his or her agent or attorney, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.
- L. Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 31E-2-202(b)(4) or any successor law, the Directors shall not, as such, be liable for monetary damages for any action taken, or any failure to take any action, as a director, except liability for any of the following:
- (i) The amount of a financial benefit that the director received to which he is not entitled;
 - (ii) An intentional infliction of harm on the Corporation;
 - (iii) A violation of W. Va. Code § 31E-8-833 or any subsequent law of like import;
 - (iv) An intentional violation of criminal law; or
 - (v) Damages incurred in the case of a director who votes for or assents to a distribution in violation of the law of the State of West Virginia or the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation, as amended.

M. Indemnification

1. The Corporation shall indemnify any director or officer who is wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he was or is a party because he is a director of the Corporation, against reasonable expenses that he incurs in connection with the proceeding. The Corporation may further indemnify any director or officer to the extent that the laws of the State of West Virginia permit if (a) he conducted himself in good faith; he reasonably believed, in the case of conduct in his official capacity, that his conduct, was in the best interests of the Corporation; and, in all other cases, that his conduct was at least not opposed to the best interests in the Corporation; and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, he had not reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful; or (b) he engaged in conduct for which broader indemnification has been made permissible or obligatory under the articles of incorporation.
2. The Corporation may obligate itself in advance of the act or omission of a director or officer giving rise to a proceeding to provide indemnification in accordance with W. Va. Code § 31E-8-851 or advance funds to pay for or reimburse expenses in accordance with W. Va. Code § 31E-8-853.
3. The Board shall have the sole discretion to determine whether amounts for which a director or officer seeks indemnification were properly incurred and whether such director or officer acted in good faith and in a matter he reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Corporation, and whether, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he had no reasonable grounds for belief that such action was unlawful. The determination shall be made by the Board by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding.

4. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall not be deemed to limit in any way the powers of the Corporation to indemnify under applicable law.
- N. The Corporation shall have power to and shall purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer employee or agent against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under applicable law.

VIII. Amendments

- A. The bylaws may be changed or amended by a majority vote of the Directors present at a properly called meeting.

EXHIBIT A

OFFICIAL CHARLESTON KICKBALL ASSOCIATION RULES

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- Games may be cancelled or delayed due to inclement weather, such as heavy rain and/or lightning. CKA will play in the rain if the fields are playable. CKA will be in contact with team captains regarding weather issues, and will make every effort to post updates on the CKA Facebook page. Captains are responsible for notifying their team of cancellations.

FIELD:

- The kickball diamond is a square with equal sides of 60 feet.
- The distance from home plate to second base, and from first base to third base is 84 feet 10 1/4 inches.
- The center of the pitching area is in the center of the diamond, 42 feet 5 1/8 inches and directly aligned with the first base/third base diagonal. (First/Third Base Diagonal is marked with a line.) There will be a box behind the pitcher's strip that designates the 'area of control'. This box will measure 9 feet wide by 9 feet deep.
- The strike zone extends to 1 foot on either side of home plate, and 1 foot high. There will be a box around the plate (1 foot each side) which marks the strike zone. If any part of the ball falls within the zone or hits the line, then it is a strike.
- There shall be a line 8 feet behind the plate to designate the catcher's box.

TEAMS:

- Teams shall consist of a maximum of 10 players on the field and a minimum of 8 players with at least 4 women on the field at all times. If you don't have enough women you must play short and will get an automatic out when that position is reached in the batting order. If you play with fewer than 10 players but have at least 4 women you do not have to take an automatic out. One of the players must be catcher. There is no maximum to the number of players on your team roster. If you have the minimum 8 players, at least 2 must be women (with automatic outs for the other 2 women).
- All participating players must kick but no more than 2 MEN can kick in a row. Women can re-kick if necessary, after the minimum of four women have kicked (or automatic outs have been received for missing women).
- The official batting order must be provided to the umpire before the start of the game. Players arriving after the start of the game must be added at the end of the batting order. The kicking team must keep an official scorecard keeping track of outs and runs.
- Any player who kicks out of order will be called "out."
- All players in the "bench area" must maintain adequate distance from the field to avoid interference in the game. Adequate distance typically is off of the artificial playing surface, although the official has chaskickball@hotmail.com

discretion as to whether to allow less or require more distance. Players/teams who fail to comply may be penalized. Violations and punishment are at the discretion of the official.

- The kicking order cannot change but you can change the fielders as long as you keep 4 women in the field.
- Only players who are paid league members and wearing their league t-shirt may play in a game. You must play in at least one regular season game to play in the playoffs.
- All players must sign a code of conduct and verify that they have read and understand the rules. This must be signed when registering.
- All players must be at least 21 years of age and wear their official league-issued shirts to play in a game and receive the drink specials afterwards. CKA shirts must be worn on top of any jackets or sweatshirts.
- All players must have signed the official CKA waiver form.
- CKA will conduct random roster checks throughout the season to verify player eligibility.
- Officials may conduct roster checks at any time, including after a game.

REGULATION GAMES:

- Games will last for 7 innings, with the game being official after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team leads). When game time has reached fifty minutes, no new innings will be started. (The game will be shortened if necessary. If the home team is ahead and is kicking when game time has reached fifty minutes, the game will be declared over and the score at that time will be final.)
- During the regular season, games may end in a tie. (Extra innings are permitted during the regular season as long as no new innings are started after the game has reached fifty minutes.)
- Any team that is not ready to take the field within ten minutes of scheduled kick off time shall forfeit the match. The opposing team has discretion to waive this rule, but all games must be complete within one hour of the scheduled start time.
- There is a limit of nine runs per half inning except for the last inning.
- If a team leads by ten runs or more after 5 innings (4 ½ if the home team leads) the game will be declared over.

PITCHING/CATCHING:

- If the ball bounces higher than 1 foot off the ground (as measured from the bottom of the ball) at any point during the pitch, it is an illegal pitch.
- The strike zone extends to 1 foot on either side of home plate, and 1 foot high. There will be a box around the plate (1 foot each side) which marks the strike zone. If any part of the ball falls within the zone or hits the line, then it is a strike. If the pitch crosses the line around the plate, it is a strike.
- All pitches must hit the ground twice before reaching home plate.
- The pitcher cannot spin the ball. Pitching must be underhand only. (Underhand is defined as the pitching arm being no more than a 45 degree angle and finishing with the palm facing up). The pitcher must stay inside the pitching area on the mound until the ball is kicked. If the pitcher spins the ball, does not pitch underhand, or crosses outside the pitching area, it is an illegal pitch.
- An “illegal pitch” will be called immediately by the umpire. An “illegal pitch” will be called a ball. However, the kicker may attempt to kick an “illegal pitch” and has the option of taking the result of the play instead of the ball.

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- Pitchers who continuously engage in illegal pitching may be given a warning and, if he/she continues to engage in illegal pitching, disqualified from pitching for the remainder of the game. This is a judgment call by the official.
- No fielder may advance past the 1st-3rd base diagonal until the ball is kicked.
- If a pitcher or fielder makes an out by illegally advancing beyond the 1st-3rd base diagonal, the runner who was out will be declared safe, and other runners must return to their original bases unless forced to advance.
- If a pitcher or fielder illegally advances beyond the 1st-3rd base diagonal but does not make an out, there is no penalty and the play stands.
- The catcher may not advance past the catcher's box line until the ball is kicked. If the catcher makes an out by illegally advancing beyond the catcher's box, the runner who was out will be declared safe, and other runners must return to their original bases unless forced to advance. If no out is made, there is no penalty and the play stands.
- If the catcher interferes with the kicker and is called by the umpire, the kicker will receive first base. This is a judgment call by the umpire.
- The fielding team cannot change catchers during an inning (except in cases of injury).
- The count begins at 1 ball, 1 strike.

KICKING:

- All kicks must be made by foot (below the knee).
- All kicks must be taken at or behind the home plate (determined by the position of the front of the plant foot). If the kick is taken in front of home plate, it is considered an "illegal kick." An "illegal kick" will be called immediately by the umpire. An "illegal kick" will be called a foul/strike. However, the defense may attempt to play an "illegal kick" and has the option of taking the result of the play instead of the foul/strike.
- Males must kick the ball past the 1st-3rd baseline. The ball must stay beyond the line to be fair.
- Any kick that does not reach this line will be considered a foul.
- If the ball is fielded before it reaches this line, it is in play and considered fair.
- Females must kick the ball past a line that is 10 feet from the plate. The ball must stay beyond the line and in fair territory to be fair.
- If the ball is fielded before it reaches this line, it is in play and considered fair.
- If a team is ahead by eight (8) runs or more, females must kick the ball past the 1st-3rd baseline and males must "kick away" (i.e., no "bunting"). This is a judgment call by the official. A male who does not "kick away" will be declared out. For both males and females, ball must stay beyond the 1st-3rd line to be fair. Any kick does not reach this line will be considered a foul. If the ball is fielded before it reaches this line, it is in play and considered fair.
- A "double kick" will be considered a foul.

RUNNING:

- Runners must stay within the base line. A runner who runs outside the baseline will be out.

- Fielders must stay out of the base line unless they are attempting to tag the runner or catch the kicked ball.
- Fielders trying to make an out on base may have their foot on base, but must lean out of the baseline.
- If a fielder attempts to physically obstruct a runner from advancing, the runner may advance as many bases as they would have potentially earned had they been able to run unobstructed. This is a judgment call by the official.
- There will be an extra first base (placed to the right, in foul territory) next to first base. The bases will be at least 1' apart. The extra base is for the runner to tag on force plays at first base. An out will be called when the fielder tags the regular base, not the extra base on a force play at first base. On all other plays, the runner has the option of tagging either base. The fielder may not interfere in any way with the runner tagging first base.
 - The fielder “owns” the area inside the field of play and is free to make a play on a ball within this area. If the runner interferes with the fielder in this area, the runner is out. The runner “owns” the area outside the field of play, including the extra first base. The fielder may not interfere with the runner’s attempt to tag the outside base on his/her run to first. If the fielder interferes with the runner, the runner is safe.
 - The fielder must use the inside base on force plays at first base unless it would be safer to tag the outside base (e.g., there has been an overthrow and the fielder is running from foul territory toward first base). In that instance, the fielder may tag the outside base and the runner may tag the inside base. Safety is the priority and the official has the judgment to determine whether the proper base was tagged under the circumstances.
- It is the responsibility of the runner to avoid a collision. Please save yourself and your opponents from injury by paying attention. Ties go to the runner...there’s no need to take out the baseman.
- When a defensive player has the ball and the runner remains upright and crashes into the defensive player, it is considered a “crash”. If the act is determined to be flagrant, the offender shall be ejected.
- Neither leading off base, nor stealing a base is allowed.
- A runner leading off base before the ball is kicked is out.
- Hitting a runner with the ball above shoulder level is not allowed; the ball will be declared dead, the runner is safe and advances one (1) base except for the following situations:
 - If the runner intentionally uses the head to block the ball, and is so called by the official, in which case the runner is out.
 - If the runner is ducking, diving or sliding (i.e. attempting to dodge the ball) and is hit in the head because of this is an out. It is the umpire’s judgment.
- If the runner intentionally hits or kicks the ball, the ball is dead and all other runners must return to their original bases.
- “The Ponytail Rule”: If the ball hits the runner’s hair, the runner is safe. (Hair is considered part of the head.)
- When a runner is hit with the ball above shoulder level, other runners on base are permitted to advance to the base to which they were running, but do not receive additional bases unless forced.
- The runner may leave base as soon as a fly ball is touched by a member of the fielding team. (See softball rules for further clarification, if needed.)
- All ties will go to the runner.

- On an overthrow, all players may advance even if the ball is in foul territory.
- At Laidley Field on the Capitol End, areas beyond the back endzone line and the inner-most track line (including imaginary extensions of those lines behind the plate area) are out of bounds. At Laidley Field on the Scoreboard End, areas beyond the goal line and the inner-most track line (including imaginary extensions of those lines behind the plate area) are out of bounds. At Trace Fork, areas beyond the artificial turf are out of bounds. Persons who are not officiating, playing defense, kicking, running the bases, or coaching first or third base, must stay out of bounds and must keep all equipment and other personal items out of bounds. Other areas may be declared out of bounds by the official if the official determines, in his/her judgment, that the ball is not reasonably in play (e.g. soccer goals, bleachers, trash cans, bench areas, mud puddles, etc.). The umpire shall declare out of bounds areas prior to the beginning of the game and notify both team captains of the decision.
- If the ball goes out of bounds, all runners advance to the base which they were headed to, plus one additional base. If a ball goes out of bounds on a play at first base, the runner (either the original kicker or a runner who started on first base and who is coming back to the base) will be awarded second base, even if the runner has rounded first base before the ball goes out of bounds. A runner who started the play at first base and is running to second base (i.e., not the kicker) when a ball goes out of bounds will be awarded third base. A runner running to third base when a ball goes out of bounds will be awarded home plate. If the ball goes out of bounds not as a result of a play at first base, the kicker is treated the same as any other runner (e.g., if the kicker is trying for a double and the ball goes out of bounds as a result of a play at home plate or a fielder accidentally dropping the ball and knocking it out of bounds, the kicker will be awarded third base). Please consult the official for details.
- When two runners are on the same base at the same time, the fielder has the choice of tagging either runner with the ball. The runner who is tagged is out and the other runner is safe and may stay on base.

FOULS:

- A foul counts as a strike even on the third strike.
- A foul is:
 - A kick landing in foul territory beyond first or third base.
 - A kick landing in foul territory before reaching first or third base that does not thereafter travel on its own into and land in fair territory beyond the applicable minimum kick line.
 - A kick landing in fair territory, but traveling into foul territory on its own and coming to rest before reaching first or third base (if a fielder touches a ball in fair territory or the ball starts in foul territory and then travels into fair territory on its own before reaching first or third base, the kick is fair, but if a fielder touches a ball in foul territory before it has reached first or third base, the kick is foul).
 - A kick that does not meet the minimum kick requirement (taken behind the plate and traveling past the 1st-3rd base diagonal for males, 10 foot line for females).
- A count of three (3) outs by a team completes the team's half of the inning.
- An out is:
 - A count of three (3) strikes;
 - A runner touched by a kicked ball while in fair territory and not on base;
 - A runner who is tagged or pegged with the ball while the ball is in play;
 - A runner who is on the same base with another runner and is tagged with the ball;

- Any kicked ball (fair or foul) that is caught in the air;
- A tag on a base (either with the ball or a part of the fielder's body while possessing the ball – but not by throwing the ball at the base) to which a runner is forced to run;
- A runner leading off base before a ball is kicked.
- Hitting the base with the ball does NOT count as an out. The fielder must hit the runner with the ball or maintain control of the ball on the base on a force play.

AREA OF CONTROL:

At the completion of a play, if any member of the fielding team has control of the ball and is inside the pitching “area of control,” the play is over. Play will resume once the next pitch is thrown.

LEAGUE TOURNAMENT:

- Additional information regarding tournament play will be provided at a later date. Tournament formatting is at the discretion of league officials.
- Standings will be determined by a point system: 3 points for a win; 1 point for a tie; 0 points for a loss.
- If teams are tied at the end of the regular season, ties will be broken by: a) head-to-head result; b) run differential; c) coin toss.
- Any player ejected from a tournament game may be suspended for the remainder of the tournament at the discretion of the official. Teams may appeal a suspension under this rule to the field leader, whose decision will be final.
- Only players who participated in at least one regular season game are permitted to play in the League Tournament.
- Teams must notify the Commissioner, via email, prior to their last game whether they will play in the League Tournament. Teams that still want to participate but do not have enough players may be combined to form a single team and placed in the Consolation Bracket. Teams that have committed to playing in the League Tournament who withdraw or fail to show up will be fined \$50. Teams that do not commit, via email, prior to their last game will not be permitted to participate in the League Tournament.
- Teams are to show up 30 minutes before their scheduled tournament game and provide a lineup to the Field Marshal who will verify registration status of all players in the lineup. The lineup will then be provided to the official for use during the game

OTHER RULES:

- All players and fans must obey all applicable field rules, regulations, and other laws. It is the player's responsibility to know these rules, regulations, and laws and abide by them. CKA is not responsible for conduct constituting a violation of these rules, regulations, and/or laws and may take appropriate action to ensure that such rules, regulations, and/or laws are followed.
- All games will be officiated by CKA officials.
- Foul language is not allowed. This is a judgment call by the umpires.
- No outside alcohol is permitted inside Laidley Field. Beer will be sold at a special CKA rate. Teams wishing to drink before and after games are encouraged to visit our sponsor bar, The Red Carpet, which will provide drink specials to players wearing their official league t-shirts. Teams are to clean up their
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area by depositing all trash into appropriate containers. Violations of this rule may result in punishment from CKA including, but not limited to, suspension for a period of games and/or the offender(s) being prohibited from attending CKA events. Officials have authority to enforce this rule by ejecting offender(s) from Laidley Field. Suspensions and/or prohibition from attending CKA events for violation of this rule may be imposed by the Commissioner.

- Teams that forfeit a game and do not provide notification by email (chaskickball@hotmail.com) by noon the day of the game will be charged the forfeit fine. The fine is \$50 and will go towards a bar tab for the other team.
- Teams that have been fined for failing to provide email notification of a forfeit or withdrawal from the League Tournament will be suspended until the fine is paid in full.
- The schedule will be set prior to captain's meeting. At the captain's meeting, you may make game reschedule requests without penalty. League officials will work with all affected teams in an effort to resolve the request. After the captain's meeting, you may not reschedule a game and must forfeit any game for which you do not have enough players.
- Captains are responsible for controlling their team. We are adults, please act like it.
- Captains are responsible for ensuring that each member of their team signs all applicable forms, and for ensuring that their team members know and abide by applicable rules and regulations.
- Once registration ends, rosters will be set and players may not be added to any roster. Field Leaders will have a copy of team rosters at the field.
- Field Leaders and Officials may require any player to produce proper identification to confirm that the player is properly on his or her team roster. If a team is found to have a player who is not on a roster, that team will forfeit the game. A team that commits multiple violations of this rule may be suspended and/or banned from the league.
- A Captain may request that a Field Leader or Official conduct a "roster check" of one or more opposing players at the conclusion of a game.
- Players may participate only when wearing the current year's official CKA Kickball shirt. The shirt must be worn on top of any other clothing.
- Players will be required to upload a recent photo of themselves to their registration program on the CKA website. No refunds will be issued to captains until all players have properly uploaded an appropriate photo.
- Captains will be held liable and will be required reimburse, indemnify, and hold harmless CKA, its directors, employees, and affiliates for any and all losses incurred related to any individual affiliated with his or her team who is not a registered CKA player.
- If a team is found to have played any portion of any game with a player who is not properly registered to that team's roster, the game will be forfeited and the Captain will be fined \$50, which fine must be paid before the team's next game. The fine will be doubled for each successive violation of this rule (\$100 for second infraction, \$200 for third infraction, etc.). The fine will go toward a bar tab for the opposing team.
- Captains will be required to designate a co-captain who will serve as the Captain when the Captain is absent or otherwise unable to be reached.
- If a player is ejected from a regular season game, he/she may be suspended from the next scheduled game at the umpire's discretion. Decisions under this rule may be appealed to the Commissioner, whose decision shall be final.
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- If a player is ejected from more than one game in a season, that player will be ejected from the league for the season.
- The Commissioner and the Board have the authority to suspend and/or ban any player from the league for any period of time for conduct in violation of these rules.
- Fighting is strictly prohibited. Any player that is caught fighting during a game will be ejected from the CKA forever.
- Threats will not be tolerated. Any player who threatens anyone (another player, official, fan, etc.) will be ejected from the game. Additional punishment may be imposed at the discretion of the Board.
- Captains are responsible for keeping track of the batting order, inning, outs and score on provided scoresheets. If there is a dispute over the batting order, inning or score, the official has the final call but may confer with score keepers for each team in making the call.
- Captains are responsible for checking their game results every week. Incorrect results must be reported to league officials within one week.
- Captains are the only people who are allowed to discuss rules/calls with the umpires. Players other than captains who attempt to argue with an official/umpire or an opposing player regarding the rules/calls may be ejected.
- If a rule is not otherwise stated here standard softball rules hold.
- If a male kicker is walked and a female kicker is next in the official batting order, the male kicker advances to second base. The female kicker must kick unless there are two outs. If there are two outs, she has the choice to kick or take first base.
- If a male kicker is walked and there is an automatic out in the line-up after him, he will be awarded second base prior to the automatic out.
- If a kicked ball is caught out in foul territory but is not out of bounds, runners may advance after tagging up.
- There are no restrictions on fielder positioning.
- If a kicker is injured he/she may use a Pinch Runner after reaching first base safely. This Pinch Runner should be the last person of the same gender that was out.
- The Infield Fly Rule will be in effect (i.e., if there are runners on first and second or the bases are loaded with less than 2 outs, on any fair pop fly that, in the umpire's judgment may be caught by an infielder, pitcher, or catcher using ordinary effort, the kicker will be called out and runners may advance at their own risk, tagging up if necessary). **The umpire must call "Infield Fly Rule" while the ball is in the air for the rule to be in effect. If no call is made, the rule will not be enforced on that play.**
- There are no errors.
- The official game umpires have the final ruling; however, league commissioners or field leaders may be consulted concerning the official rules. Umpires may make judgment calls, where appropriate.
- Field Leaders and officials will have a copy of the rules at each field location. Captains are empowered to ask the umpire for a consultation with the Field Leader if a rule is in question.
- Some fields will have out of bounds areas. The refs will declare these areas before the start of each game. If the ball enters one of these areas, the ball is dead and play will stop. Extra bases may be awarded depending on the particular field. Check with your field leader for details.
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- Dogs are not permitted at Laidley Field. Violations of this rule may result in punishment from CKA including, but not limited to, suspension for a period of games and/or the offender(s) being prohibited from attending CKA events. Officials have authority to enforce this rule by ejecting offender(s) from Laidley Field. Suspensions and/or prohibition from attending CKA events for violation of this rule may be imposed by the Commissioner.
- As always, CKA and its sponsors encourage responsible drinking.

EXHIBIT B

Conflict of Interest Policy

Charleston Kickball Association, Inc.

ARTICLE I : PURPOSE

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect this Non-Profit Corporation's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Corporation or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable corporations.

ARTICLE II : DEFINITIONS

1. Interested Person - Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, in an interested person.
2. Financial Interest - A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:
 - a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Corporation has a transaction or arrangement,
 - b. A compensation arrangement with the Corporation or with any entity or individual with which the Corporation has transaction or arrangement, or
 - c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Corporation is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.
3. Compensation - includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial.
4. A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

ARTICLE III : PROCEDURES

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternative to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Corporation can obtain, with reasonable efforts, a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Corporation's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate corrective actions.

ARTICLE IV : RECORDS OF PROCEDURES

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

ARTICLE V : COMPENSATION

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Corporation for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Corporation for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Corporation, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

ARTICLE VI : ANNUAL STATEMENTS

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually affirm that such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands the Corporation is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

ARTICLE VII : PERIODIC REVIEWS

To ensure the Corporation operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic review shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangement with management conform to the Corporation's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in excess benefit transaction.

ARTICLE VIII : USE OF OUTSIDE EXPERTS

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Corporation may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.