



CITY OF KETTERING

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

2024 ADULT KICKBALL GENERAL LEAGUE RULES

1. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department will remain the final authority on all matters pertaining to this program and reserves the right to arrange teams and leagues for the purpose of the parity, or alter rules to ensure fair and safe play.
2. All games will be played on the property of the City of Kettering. All rules and regulations pertaining to the City of Kettering will be observed and enforced. **Absolutely no smoking or alcoholic beverages will be permitted in the buildings or parks. This includes parking lots.**
3. **Removal and Suspension:** Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct, including the use of profane language may cause the removal of the offending player by the official. Continued abuse may cause dismissal from the league by the league supervisor. **Any player removed from a game will received a week suspension from all Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department operated games.**
 - a. Ex. If a player is removed from a game on Monday, they are not allowed to play again until the following Tuesday. Any player that is removed from *two* games during the season will be removed from all leagues without refund.
4. **Captain/Manager Responsibilities:** The Cpt. /Manager of a team is responsible for the conduct of their player's before, during and after the game; until they leave the premises. Failure to comply with the rules will subject the offender, captain/manager to disciplinary action. Cpt. /Manger is responsible for communicating schedule to team.
 - a. **The Manager is the only person allowed to discuss a play situation with the umpire.**
 - b. It is the responsibility of the manager to know, understand, and follow the league rules.
 - c. It is the responsibility of the managers to check playkettering.org, in regards to field conditions any time after 3 p.m. Monday – Friday and 1 p.m. on Sunday. The league supervisor, along with the maintenance crew, will determine conditions of the field before the game. In the absence of the supervisor, the umpires will determine field conditions.
 - d. Provide notice of forfeits, see rule #6 below

5. **5 minute grace period.** Players must be signed in and ready to play no later than 5 minutes past the game start time.
6. Two (2) forfeits during the season without twenty-four (24) hours' notice will justify suspension of the team without refund, from the league. Notice of forfeit must be given to the Office of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department, to **both** the Adult Sports Coordinator and Sports Supervisor, via email, phone call or voicemail. (sam.sharp@ketteringoh.org, reed.gibson@ketteringoh.org) (937-296-3331, 937-296-3344). Forfeit of designated make-up games will also be counted.
7. Postponed games will be rescheduled by the League Supervisor. All incomplete games due to weather or circumstances beyond our control will be played from point of suspension. A called game will be regulation if 4 innings have been played or if the game is in the bottom of the 3rd with the home team winning.
8. **Protests** must be made by the manager of the protesting team to the umpire before the next pitch is made to the batter, or infielders have left fair territory, and the umpire must make the proper entry on the score card. Written protests must be submitted to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department, 2900 Glengarry Drive, Kettering, Ohio 45420, within 24 hours or the next working day, accompanied by a \$50 protest fee, which will be returned if the protest is permitted. The protest will be decided by the Adult League Coordinator and the Sports Supervisor. Protest of ineligible players must be made by the second inning that they play.
9. Before a player can participate in a game they must join the team's roster/waiver.
10. No players under 16. Age deadline is date of 1st game.

2024 ADULT KICKBALL EQUIPMENT RULES

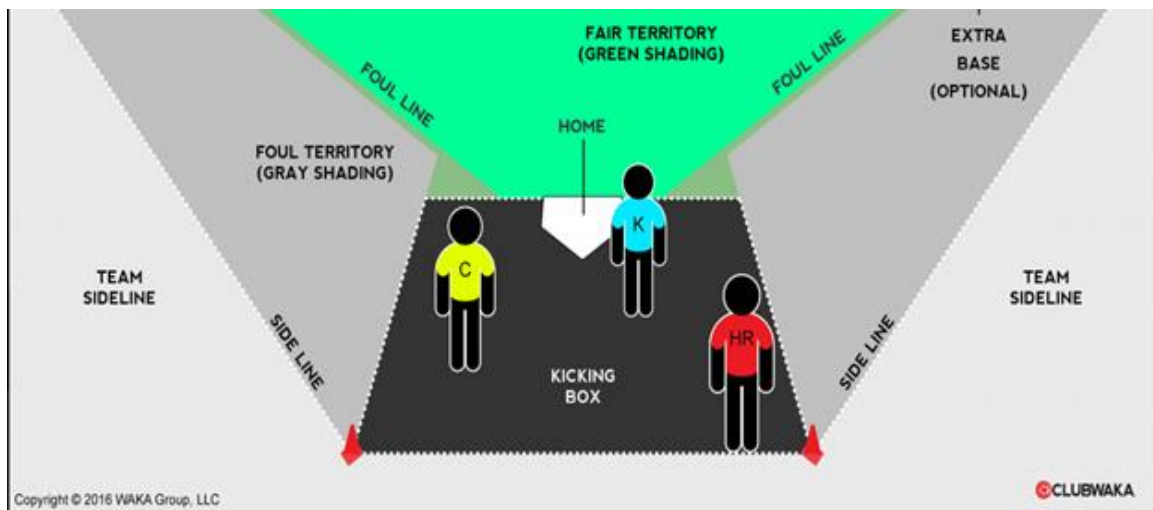
1. Close toed athletic shoes required. Any cleats, crocs or sandals are not permitted.
2. Players may wear protective equipment providing it does not offer the wearer an unfair performance advantage. Any equipment deemed by the Head Referee as a performance enhancement must be removed or the player will be removed from play.
3. The official kickball is the red WAKA Logo Kickball, measuring 10 inches in diameter when properly inflated to a pressure of 1.5 pounds per square inch.
4. All player attire is an extension of the player. (Ex: a ball touching a runner's shirt or shorts or hair will count as an out.)

2024 ADULT KICKBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE & SCORES

2. Game schedules and weather updates are posted online www.playkettering.org It is Manager/Captains responsibility to check their email and our website for any updates.
3. Scores will be updated weekly and available online at www.playkettering.org
4. Forfeits are scored 10-0.

2024 ADULT KICKBALL GAME SPECIFIC RULES

1. **The kicking box** is a rectangle with the front of the box aligned with the front of home plate and the back of the box aligned with the sideline cones behind home plate. Lines extending forward from the sideline cones perpendicular to the front of home plate make up the sides of the kicking box. The kicker is not required to start in the kicking box, however the kick must occur within the kicking box.



2. The foul lines are fair territory.
3. While fielding, each team must field at least eight (8) and no more than ten (10) players. This must include one pitcher and one catcher at all times during the game.
4. If a player is removed from game, there is no “automatic out” when the removed player’s spot in the order is reached.
5. Obstruction. Fielders may be within the baseline when doing so is necessary to make an active play on the ball, but must otherwise stay out of the baseline. Runners hindered by any fielder within the baseline, not making an active play for the ball, shall be safe at the

base to which they were running. Runners may choose to advance beyond this base while the ball is still in play.

6. Neither leading off base, nor stealing a base is allowed. A runner may advance once the ball is kicked. A runner off base when the ball is kicked is out.
7. Regulation games last seven (7) innings or no more than 45 minutes.
8. In the event of a tie score at the end of the game, the game shall be marked as a tie.
9. No new inning may begin 45-minutes past the scheduled start time of a game. Any inning that has begun before the 40-minute mark may be completed in its entirety as long as it does not exceed 45 minutes. Any game still in progress at the 45-minute mark shall be called due to time and the final score will revert back to the previous completed inning.
10. All fielders besides the catcher must remain in fair territory behind the 1st-3rd base diagonal.
11. The pitcher must start the act of pitching with at least one foot on the pitching strip.
12. **Pitching Lane:** Ball must be pitched inside the lane of cones in front of home plate. If ball travels outside of these cones it is ruled a ball unless contact is made.
13. Catchers must be behind the kicking box and give enough room for the Kicker to make an attempt. Obstruction can be called by Referee resulting in first base for Kicker.
14. All kicks must be made by foot or leg, below hip level. Any ball touched by the foot or leg, below hip level, is a kick.
15. **Bunting is prohibited.**
16. Kickers start out with a 1-1 count (1 ball and 1 strike). 4 Balls is a walk. 3 strikes is an out.
17. **Mercy/Run Rule:**
 - a. 15 or more run-differential after 4 innings
 - b. 10 or more run-differential after 5 innings
18. **5-run limit per half inning.** Last inning will be declared as an “open inning” by the umpire, no run limit will be applied for this inning.

Extra Base Rule:

1. The Extra Base (orange base) will be used for first base, it is only for runners. Runners should not use traditional base for fielders.
2. Fielders trying to make an out on first base must touch the base in fair territory (the First Base). Runners hindered by a fielder touching the base in foul territory (the Extra Base), will be safe.
3. A base runner who touches the traditional first base will be given warning. Next incident of this will be called an out.
4. Once a runner has reached first base safely the runner must start the next play on the First Base. Any runner standing on or touching the Extra Base at the beginning of the next play will be out.
5. The Runner is permitted to use the First Base if avoiding collision with a fielder in foul territory. In this event, the fielder in foul territory is permitted to tag the Extra Base.
6. The runner may use First Base if attempting to advance to Second Base, or if there is no fielder on First Base. A runner using or touching First Base in any other circumstance is out.
7. Runners must stay within the baseline. Any runner outside the baseline is out.