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BEACH
Recreation

Kickball Rules and Regulations

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1) Fees and Registration:

- a. All players and teams must register with the Madeira Beach Recreation department.
- b. A fee of \$250 per team or \$25 per individual player must be paid to participate.
- c. It is recommended that players only participate on the team they are registered for. While not ideal, players may play on more than one team per night to help avoid a forfeit. Players will need to sign the roster sheet to do so.

2) Game Procedures

ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED UNDER USA RULES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED ON LEAGUE SCHEDULE OR LISTED IN THESE BYLAWS.

- a. A 10 minute grace period will be allowed for the first game of the night ONLY. Teams need to be ready to play at schedule game time.
- b. Lineups are due to the umpire at game time. Play will not begin until both lineups have been received but the game clock will begin at the official start time.
- c. A game ball will be provided by the City of Madeira Beach Recreation Department.
- d. Time Limit shall be 7 innings or 50 minutes, Umpire time is the official time.
- e. Run rule: 15 runs ahead after 5 innings or 10 runs after 6 innings.
- f. Regular season games may end in a tie
- g. Playoff games will utilize the Texas tie-breaker rule if the game is tied at the end of regulation.
- h. Home/Away teams are not established via the schedule. Prior to each game the captains will participate in a best of 3 paper rock scissor battle. Winning team makes selection of home or away.

3) Rosters

- a. Standard team size is 10 players in the lineup and on defense at one time. A team may play with only 8 players they are able to alternate male/female throughout the lineup (explained further below). Teams may carry as many players on their rosters as they like. There is no limit to the number of females on the field at one time but there may not be more than 5 males playing defense at once.
- b. Teams may add players to their roster up until the final week of the season. Players who are not on the roster prior to the final game of the regular season may not participate in the playoffs. Rosters will be checked each game by the umpires and any new players MUST sign the team roster page to participate.
- c. All players must sign and complete the participant waiver for the City of Madeira Beach, prior to their participation.

- d. Teams will provide a copy of their lineups to the umpires and the opposing team. It is the teams' responsibility to follow their lineup and substitutions. Any questions regarding the lineup are to be directed to the umpire and not the opposing team in any manner. If this is confusing, google "sportsmanship".
 - e. All participants must be age 18 & up. No exceptions.
- 4) Offensive Pitching
- a. The offense will provide their own pitcher throughout the game.
 - b. The pitcher will roll the ball to the kicker from the designated pitcher's rubber.
 - c. Each kicker will receive a maximum of 3 pitches, no exceptions. If a kicker does not put the ball in play after 3 pitches, they are out.
 - d. No walks will be issued.
 - e. The defensive team will provide a pitcher to play defense. The pitcher may not cross in front of the rubber until the ball is kicked.
- 5) Defensive Positions
- a. Players may interchange defensive positions at any point during the game as long as 1:1 Male/Female ratio is followed.
 - b. Outfielders must remain at or on the outfield grass until the ball is kicked. **Outfield cannot consist of more than 2 male players.**
 - c. Infield players must remain in the dirt area until the ball is kicked. **Infield cannot consist of more than 3 male players. The catcher position may be left empty if there are 8 or 9 rostered players. If there are 10 on the roster, there must be a catcher.**
 - d. Defensive players must remain behind the cone line until the ball is kicked.
 - e. If a defensive player moves into an illegal area before the ball is kicked, it will be ruled a dead ball. After one warning, repeated action will result in the kicker being awarded first base.
 - f. The catcher must remain behind home plate and remain in foul territory until the ball is kicked. The catcher may not interfere with the kicker.
 - g. The defensive team will provide a pitcher to play defense. The pitcher may not cross in front of the rubber until the ball is kicked. **The pitcher does not have to kick within the lineup.**
 - h. The Infield Fly Rule does **not** apply unless a fielder intentionally drops the ball in an effort to cause additional outs. A decision will be made at the umpires' discretion as to whether or not a drop was intentional. If deemed intentional, all runners will be ruled **safe**.
- 6) Kicking/Base running
- a. Bunting is explained on the attached diagram **on page 7.**
 - b. Each line-up must maintain the 1:1 male/female kicking **ratio** (described below)

- c. Kickers must remain behind home plate / designated kick line with all kicks being made by the foot. If a player crosses the line while kicking, the play will be deemed a dead ball unless in the event of a pop fly out. After the play is over, a defensive choice will be made as to take the out, if caught, or allow the opposing team a strike.
 - d. All kicks must occur behind the designated kicking line/box.
 - e. A kick that hits the offensive pitcher, is an automatic out and all runners remain at the bases they began on.
 - f. No leading off. Players may not leave the base until the ball is kicked. A runner caught leading off is automatically out.
 - g. Runners must remain in the base paths. Running out of the base path is an out.
 - h. Pegging is allowed but must be below the shoulders. Any runner hit above the shoulders will be awarded the base they were headed to plus an additional base. Any other baserunners will advance accordingly.
 - i. Defensive kicking is allowed to return the ball to the infield. It is not allowed with intention of getting a runner out.
 - j. A double home plate with all USA senior play rules will be in effect. Defensive players can only touch the original home play and runners can only touch the second home plate. Runner may be tagged/pegged by the defensive team. If the runner touches the original home play, the runner will be out and the ball will remain live. Once a player crosses, or touches the commit line, they must continue to home and may not return to 3rd base. A force out will be in play once the player has crossed the commit line.
 - k. Any kicked ball that enters foul territory after making contact with a field cone is considered a foul ball if it does so prior to the bases on either 1st or 3rd base side.
 - l. Any ball hitting off of the fences and hitting a runner thereafter does not cause the runner to be out if it hits the fence first.
 - m. Any ball which bounces over the outfield fence in fair territory will be deemed a ground rule triple.
 - n. Any ball hitting off of the ground first on a peg attempt to hit the runner will be ruled safe. You must hit the runner in the air not bouncing off of the ground.
- 7) Male/Female Ratio
- a. Standard roster size is 10 players with 5 male to 5 female ratio.
 - b. Teams must alternate male/female in the batting order. This must be maintained throughout the game. A female player may bat twice in the lineup to maintain the male/female rotation. A male MAY NOT bat twice at any one time though the lineup. In the case of more female players than male, all males may kick once through the lineup at which point the females may kick back to back until the lineup is complete.
 - i. Example: If a team has 7 males and 5 females, they will kick 14 players. Their lineup may read as follows:

1. Male 1
2. Female 1
3. Male 2
4. Female 2
5. Male 3
6. Female 3
7. Male 4
8. Female 4
9. Male 5
10. Female 5
11. Male 6
12. Female 1
13. Male 7
14. Female 2

- ii. Any occurrence of the lineup not following the male/female ratio will result in an out.
- iii. If a player becomes injured the lineup can be compressed with no penalty, the male or female slot will move up to fill in the void and the lineup will continue in that new order. You can also substitute a person to kick if you prefer.

8) Player Conduct

- a. The City of Madeira Beach supports good sportsmanship by all its participants and officials. The umpire's decision is final and is backed by the Madeira Beach Recreation department. If you have a question or issue, please direct it to the Madeira Beach Recreation Department at (727)392-0665.
- b. LANGUAGE - No player may VERBALLY or PHYSICALLY taunt or threaten a referee, opponent, or staff member. Loud, excessive, or abusive profane can/may result in an ejection.
- c. Ejected players are automatically suspended from play for the remainder of that game and the next game of the season. While suspended, they must remain off of city property.
- d. Alcoholic beverages are allowed on city property during city approved recreation events (Kickball and Softball). Areas include the concourse and dugouts. The parking lot is off limits. Glass containers are not permitted. This rule is provided as a courtesy for the enjoyment of the kickball league. If it is abused, it will be revoked.
- e. Smoking – is prohibited within the athletic complex at all times. This includes common areas, dugouts, fields, and park facilities located on city property. Patrons who cannot abide by this rule will be asked to leave the premises.

9) Uniforms

- a. Shirts of a similar color are not required. They are also not frowned upon, we are all out here to have fun.
- b. Closed toe athletic shoes are required. Metal spikes or steel toed shoes are not permitted.

10) Playoffs

- a. Playoffs will begin the week immediately after the end of the regular season. All games are still 50 min and the run rule applies.
- b. The team with the higher seed will be the home team throughout the playoffs.
- c. The two semifinals and the championship game will be 7 innings, untimed and the run rule still applies.
- d. Tie breaker rules for seeding as follows:
 - i. Head-to-head results
 - ii. Point differential
 - iii. Paper Rock Scissors (no dynamite)
 - iv. Coin Toss
 - v. Foot Race

11) Rainouts

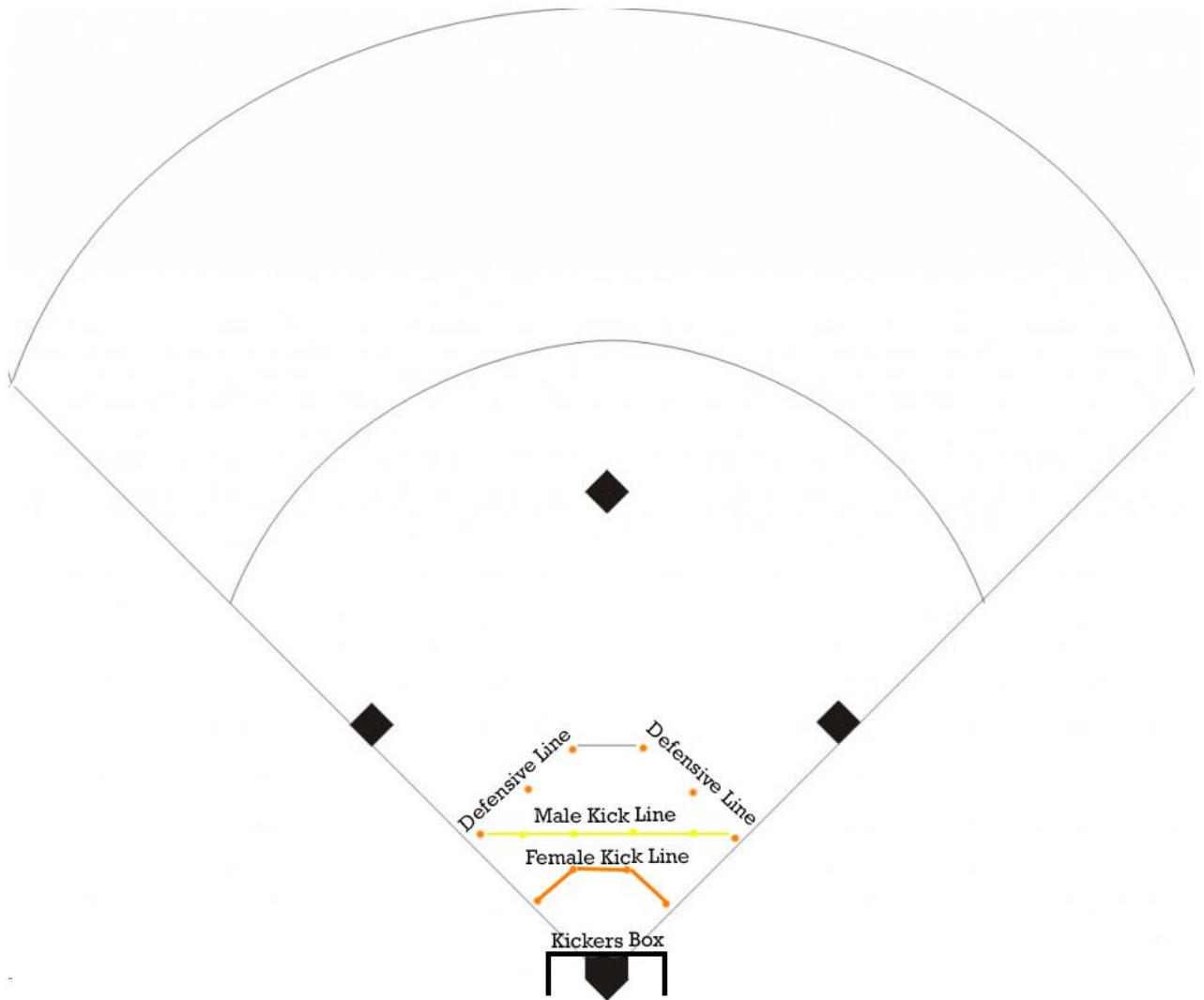
- a. The regular season schedule will be updated to make up for rainouts. Please visit www.leaguelineup.com/madbeach for the most up to date schedule and rules.

12) Weather Hotline

- a. (727)392-0665 ext 5

13) In any situation not covered, please refer to USA Guidelines.

For any other information about kickball, contact the Madeira Beach Recreation Department at
(727) 392-0665



BUNT RULES

- 1) Kickers may put the ball in play using their foot with any kicking motion, ie. Full kick, half kick, or bunting kick/motion.
- 2) A kicked ball must reach and/or pass the respective gender bunt line to be considered a “fair ball”.
- 3) Defensive players **MUST** remain behind defensive line until ball is kicked.
- 4) A ball that stops in the area before the bunt line or is fielded by a defender prior to reaching the bunt line is a “foul ball” by definition.
- 5) The catcher must remain behind the kicker at all times and cannot impede the kick attempt and **MUST** also remain within the confines of the kicking line.