

# McFarland Kickball league

## 2008

### General Rules of the Game

- Umpping - each team must furnish 2 ump's. (1 at first and 1 at home.)
- Only managers can talk to another team about a disputed call. (With that said, remember this is a fun game!)

### Number of players

- A maximum of 11 players can be on the field for the fielding team with a minimum of 7, should be 50-50 male/female teams.
- A catcher is not necessary for teams with LESS THAN 9 PLAYERS. The batting team will help out and the pitcher should cover home.
- Teams with less than 7 players shall have a 10 minute grace period. Subs may be used, but must be known.
- Teams are encouraged to bat all players that show up

### Regulations

- Games will be 7 innings or 1 hour
- Home and away will be on the schedule
- A game will be official anytime you want it to be official.
- Rain outs can be rescheduled when it is not raining.

### Pitching

- A legal pitch must be rolled under hand and not be higher than the knee of the kicker.
- Pitches will be thrown in a civil manner, at a reasonable rate and not excessively bouncy. FAST, SIDEARM, CURVEBALL or OVERHAND pitching is not allowed.
- Pitcher must pitch from or behind the rubber.

### Balls and Strikes

#### Strikes

- There are NO called strikes
- Any ball kicked into foul territory
- Missing the ball while attempting to kick.
- Two strikes of any kind will result in an out.

#### Balls

- There are NO called balls (Just kick the dang ball!)

#### Outs

- Each team gets three outs per inning.
- An out results due to any of the following.
  - Two strikes
  - A ball caught on the fly
  - Base runner forced out
  - Base runner is hit with the ball while not on base
  - The kicker is hit with the ball after making contact with it while in fair territory

### Foul Balls

- A foul ball that is caught counts as an out, but is a dead play for the offense, meaning runners may not advance.

- If a ball is touched in fair territory it is fair, regardless of other factors. i.e. foot placement of the fielder.
- If a ball is out, but the catcher is in – fair ball.
- Any ball not touched and goes out before it reaches 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> is a foul ball. After it passes 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> it is a fair ball.

### Runners

- Runners may not leave the base until the ball has been kicked or it is an out.
- Can slide at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, but not home
- Balls thrown at the runner **MUST** be below the shoulders. Any direct head shot while the runner is in an upright running position results in advancement to the next base.

### This & That

- This is an over 30 co-ed league. The age rule is flexible, we just want to play and we do not want hard cores coming in and running up the score and taking the fun out of the league. If your team is guilty of this, we will politely ask your team to back off and if it continues, your team will be asked to leave.
- Make every effort to be 50-50 boys and girls. The league understands this may be out of balance from time to time. Make every effort to have a boy-girl-boy-girl batting order. If your team abuses this rule to get an advantage, you may automatically forfeit the game.
- Over throws you can advance 1 base. If you are past the base on an overthrow, you can go to the next base. This rule is for outside the base line overthrows. If the overthrow is inside the baselines, you can keep going.
- Whenever a ball is kicked, you can advance. *It does not matter if the ball is caught or not. You do not have to tag up, **just run!***
- When the pitcher has the ball and is within 10 feet of the pitching matt, runners cannot advance.
- The infield and outfield should be evenly distributed between males and females. Stay in the spirit of Co-ed game and the batting order.
- In the spirit of friendly competition and meeting new friends, if a team is short male or female players, offer one of your teammates.
- If your team cannot make it for a scheduled game, call the other team a couple days before the game and see if they can play at another time.
- Bunting will not be allowed for either sex. Must follow through with leg when kicking.
- No Metal spikes!
- Drinking adult beverages is allowed while playing but anybody drunk will be asked to leave the playing field.
- PLEASE do not bring glass bottles to the game. None will be allowed on the field at any time and if you see any glass bottles, please take them home with you!
- There may be a little interpretation of rules from time to time. **PLEASE** be reasonable, we are adults and we are here to have fun.
- The commissioners, Jim Licht or Rod Heller will settle any disputes.
- Don't forget to **stretch out before you play**. We are all getting older and we do not want anybody hurt themselves!