



City of Salem Parks and Recreation
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City of Salem Adult Kickball League By-Laws

The purpose of the City of Salem Adult Recreational Athletic Leagues is to promote well organized athletic programs and emphasizing sportsmanship for all interested participants. The league also takes into consideration the health, welfare, ability, and enjoyment of each individual participant.

Registration

1. The deadline for a coach to register his or her team is _____ or until all team spaces are filled, whichever comes first.
2. The entry must be paid in full in order for a team to be placed on the schedule. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the City of Salem.

Note: No refund will be given after schedules are complete.

Rosters

1. Must be filed with Salem Parks and Recreation by each team's first game.
Note: A team's failure to have their roster on file prior to their first game will result in a forfeit of every game until a valid roster is turned in.
2. All fields are required to complete and legible. Participants should use full legal name (no nicknames).
3. The roster must be signed by each player before he or she steps on the field.
4. Players may not be added to the roster after the fourth (3rd) regulation game.

Teams and Jerseys

1. Teams must have a minimum of twelve (12) and no more than twenty-five (25) players.
Note: Teams are encouraged to hold rosters of at least 16 members.
2. Players may only play with one team.
3. All players must have matching jerseys with numbers.
 - A. Matching jersey is defined as a uniform top that has the same team name or logo and is professionally created.
 - B. Uniforms may be different colors as long as the team name and logo match.
 - C. Teams may have shirts with numbers only but they must be the same color
 - D. No vulgar or suggestive jerseys will be allowed.
 - E. Teams must have their shirts/jerseys by the beginning of the third week of the season.

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Behavior

1. Drinking of alcoholic beverages on City property before, during, or after a game is prohibited.
Penalty: Player(s) or team will be suspended a minimum of one (1) game and up to the remainder of the season depending on the severity.
2. Threats or assaults on any Salem Parks and Recreation personnel or official will result in an ejection and suspension for the remainder of the season.
Note: Additional criminal may be filed against any person involved in this type of behavior
3. Profane, abusive language or arguing with officials, players or spectators will not be tolerated. Such behavior will result in a minimum one (1) game suspension.
4. Any player ordered out of a game by an official will be automatically suspended for a minimum of one (1) game. Suspension length will be determined by the severity of the incident and by Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the official's recommendation.
5. Fighting among players before, during, or after a game, while on city property, will result in players or teams being banned from the league.
6. Criticizing, insulting, or taunting players from another team will not be tolerated and may result in being ejected from the league.

The Game

1. To start a game, both teams must field at least eight (8) players and no more than eleven (11) with a minimum of four (4) males and (4) females.
 - A. If a team does not have at least (8) players to start the game (with at least four (4) females and four (4) males) coaches/captains of each team may agree to start the game.
Note: If both coaches agree to play the right to protest the game is waived, no matter the outcome.
 - B. Teams will be given a five (5) minute grace period before a forfeit is called.
 - C. A team playing eleven (11) in their line-up must start each play (pitcher's role) with 5 players in the outfield/grass. Once the ball is kicked defensive outfielders may move into the infield to make a play on the ball but must return to the outfield/grass prior to each pitch.
2. Teams should attempt to exchange line-ups prior to each game.
Note: It is the responsibility of each team to ensure they have the opposing team's line-up.
3. Kickers (1-8) in the line-up should alternate by sex (i.e. boy, girl, boy, girl or visa-versa). Kickers 9- 11 may be all females, all males, or alternating gender.



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The Playing Field

1. The strike zone extends 1 foot on either side of home plate and 1 foot high.
2. Any ball touched by a player or official (wholly or partially) while in fair territory is considered fair and in play.
3. Any ball that goes foul before reaching 1st or 3rd base is considered foul unless touched by a player in fair territory before going foul.
4. A player jumping from fair territory is in fair territory while in air.
5. A player jumping from foul territory is in foul territory while in air.
6. Runners hindered by a fielder touching the base (at first base) will be safe.
7. Bases are 60ft; pitching rubber is at 53 ft.

Equipment

1. Rubber sole or rubber cleated shoes only.
2. The official kickball is a red 10 inch Underdog Kickball (www.underdogkickball.com) with a pressure of 1.5 pounds per square inch.
3. The uniform is an extension of the player.

Officials / Umpires

Have jurisdiction over play and may:

1. Call a time out at any given point in the game.
2. Penalize a player, including game ejection, for any reason. This includes but is not limited to unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting, delay of game and excessive verbal abuse.
3. Make rulings on any points not specifically covered in the rules (at the time of occurrence), but the ruling shall not be deemed as a precedent for future rulings

Game Play

Regulation Game

1. Regulation games last seven (7) innings.
 - a. In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, the game will be recorded as a tie.
 - b. Games will have a sixty (60) minute time limit. Games that complete 7 innings prior to the time limit will remain a regulation game.
 - c. A game called by the official after four (4) innings of play shall be considered a regulation game. The score will be recorded at the end of the last full inning.

Strikes, Balls, Fairs and Fouls, and Outs

1. A count of three (3) strikes is an out.
2. A count of four (4) balls advances the kicker to first base.
3. A count of four (4) fouls is an out.
 - a. Note: Foul balls will count towards your strike count. Strikes will count toward your foul ball count.

A foul ball is

- A. A kicked ball landing in bounds, but traveling out of bounds on its own at any time before reaching first or third base..
- B. A kicked ball touched more than once in the kicking box or sopped by the kicker in the kicking box.



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- C. A kick made above the knee.
- D. A ball kicked and landing out of bounds.
- 4. Three (3) outs by a team completes the team's half inning.
- 5. A runner touched by the ball or who touches the ball at any time while not on base and the ball is in play is out,.

Injury and Substitutions

- 1. In the event of an injury or illness, a time-out may be requested for the participant removal and replacement with a substitute of the same sex.
 - a. Note: If the injured or ill participant later returns to play he/she must be inserted in the same written scorebook kicking order position previously held.
- 2. The pitcher and catcher positions may only be replaced once per inning unless injury forces another substitution.
- 3. Only runners who are injured while traveling to a base and who make it successfully to a base may be substituted for. All runner substitutions must be of the same sex.
 - a. Note: if no one of the same sex is available, the runner will be out.

Protest

Protests can only be made concerning player eligibility. Official's judgment is not subject to protest. If a coach wishes to protest a player, the following steps must be taken:

- 1. The coach must notify the official of the protest before the game ends.
- 2. The coach must file a written protest with Parks and Recreation by 5:00pm of the next working day after the incident occurred.

Blood Policy

The following steps must be taken for any player that is bleeding during a game.

- 1. Bleeding must be stopped.
- 2. Open wounds must be covered.
- 3. Clothes that have gotten blood on them must be changed.

Weather Conditions

- 1. In the event of inclement weather, a message will be placed on the Weather Hotline regarding the cancellation of games. You call the hotline at 540-966-6900 after 4:00pm to find out if the games are cancelled.
- 2. If games are not cancelled before the start time the official and/or supervisor will make the determination at the field.

Standing and Results

To get the latest standing and results go to:

<http://www.salemva.gov/departments/parksrec/AthleticsSports/AdultSports.aspx>