

2020 Adult Kickball League

Local Rules

(361) 485-3200

The City of Victoria Parks & Recreation Department reserves the right to change and implement new rules at any time. Victoria Parks and Recreation is committed to providing the best program possible to ensure the best environment for the players, coaches, and their respective families. In case of inclement weather, it will be the manager's responsibility to verify game status. Game status can be verified after 3pm on game day by phone/email and cancellations will be posted on The Victoria Parks and Recreation Facebook page. Managers will also receive an email through Quickscores for any game changes.

TAAF Rules and Regulations will be used in governing this league, any exceptions are listed below.

LOCAL PLAYING RULES (ONLY)

- 1.) Scheduled game time is FORFEIT time (5 min "grace" awarded for 7pm games only).
- 2.) All games will have a 55 minute time limit, or 9 innings.
- 3.) Lineup cards MUST be turned in to the umpire during the manager's meeting prior to the start of the game – FIRST NAMES, LAST NAMES, and NUMBERS.
- 4.) Game clock will begin immediately following the end of the manager's meeting.
- 5.) All leagues may start with 9 players. Teams that start with 9 players must take an out in the 10th kicking position. Teams must enter the 10th player when he arrives in the 10th kicking position.
TEAMS MUST HAVE AT LEAST 5 GIRLS ON THE LINE-UP TO BEGIN A GAME.
- 6.) Kicking order must alternate by gender.
- 7.) All leagues will be able to kick up to 12 players.
- 8.) The legal tag area will be from the shoulder and below. If the ball is thrown, it must be below the waistline (waistline is subject to umpire discretion). A thrown ball may bounce then hit the runner and the runner will be declared out pending the umpire deems the throw a "direct throw" and below the waistline.
- 9.) Men will be awarded two bases when walked and women awarded one. When a man is walked, the woman following will have the option to take a walk only when there are two outs. A woman will no longer have the option of taking the walk if she walks through the batter's box.
- 10.) All teams must have similar shirts with permanent, non-duplicated numbers on the back that are a minimum of 6 inches and clearly visible. Caps cannot be worn backwards. No steel cleats.
- 11.) In the event of a tie where extra innings are needed, or time expires, the International Tie Breaker will be used. Batters will begin the next full inning with a 3-2 count (NO courtesies allowed), 1 out, and the player that recorded the last out of the previous inning will start on second base. Only one extra inning will be played in regular season games and games may end in a tie. During tournament play, ITB will continue as normal until a winner is determined.
- 12.) Any protest made on a player's uniform or eligibility must be made by the team manager or acting team manager prior to the conclusion of the first inning in which that player is on the field or prior



to the conclusion of that player's first plate appearance. In the event of a protest, the game will be stopped until the Recreation Specialist can make it to that field of play and make a decision on whether the player(s) in question would be able to continue in the game. If no protest is made before that time, the game will continue and no further protest will be made for the duration of the game. Any team with a protested player that is deemed ineligible will receive a forfeit.

- 13.) Any protest made on the game's score must be made prior to the conclusion of the game. Once the game has been called by the umpire, the score can no longer be protested. In the event the score is questioned, the umpire may refer to the home team's scorebook. If the home team does not have a scorebook, then the visiting team's book may be referenced. Scorebooks are available for team use in the office.
- 14.) ZERO TOLERANCE on profanity; this includes music.
- 15.) A team that forfeits 2 or more game nights in a single season will be deemed ineligible for the end of season tournament. A team that forfeits 3 consecutive games will be dropped from the league without refund.
- 16.) The team with the higher seed, entering playoffs, will have the decision of Home or Visitor at the start of each game at 7PM & 8PM. The Home & Visitor will be determined by coin flip before the 9PM championship game. Playoff format will be: 2nd vs 3rd seed will play at 7:00PM, 1st vs 4th seed will play at 8:00PM, with winners from both games advancing to the championship at 9:00PM.
- 17.) A team that qualifies for playoffs is subject to being bumped to a higher division in future seasons.
 - If any team wants to move up prior to being bumped that is allowed.
 - Teams may request what league to participate in, but final discretion is up to The Parks & Recreation Department.
- 18.) Fighting: If a player is involved in a fight, they will be suspended. This includes: fighting on the field, in the complex area, or the parking lot. The player will be suspended from all **City of Victoria league play for 1 full calendar year.**

ROSTERS

- 1.) Players must be at least 18 years of age to participate in the league. NO EXCEPTIONS OR WAIVERS.
- 2.) **ID's must be presented to sign and/or confirm a roster spot.** Rosters MUST be turned in prior to the start of the first scheduled game of the season. If a roster is not submitted on time then that team will receive a forfeit for each game that their roster is not turned in. Players may be added to the roster after it is turned in, providing they meet roster requirements and it is not after the cutoff date. Added players must print and sign their first and last name in the presence of the Recreation Coordinator.
- 3.) A player is considered to be on a locked roster once a roster has been submitted. Players are locked on that roster until the end of the season and may not strike their name to join another team's roster in the same league. Players may be added to the roster provided they are not currently on



another roster in the same league, the roster has not exceeded 20 names, they are at least 16 years of age, and it is not after the roster cutoff date.

- 4.) The roster cutoff date will be at 5:00pm on Friday, July 24th. No players may be added to rosters after this date. Roster spaces are limited to 20 players.
- 5.) Players may be subject to ID checks at **any time** and a player without an ID will be ineligible to play until an ID is presented. During playoffs, IDs will only be checked upon protest.
- 6.) Men may play on one kickball team only. Women may play on one kickball team within each of the two kickball divisions (Upper and Lower).

RUN RULE

<u>20</u> runs	<u>3</u> innings
<u>15</u> runs	<u>4</u> innings
<u>10</u> runs	<u>5</u> innings

Open League

- 1.) Men & women may play on one team per night.
- 2.) Upper & Lower players are eligible to play in the league.
- 3.) The Open league will be played according to TAAF rules.
- 4.) The Open league means that men & women are both eligible to play without there being gender requirements on the field.
- 5.) The Open League is required to submit a roster.

