

## 2019 Paxton Park District – Adult Co-Ed Kickball – Rules

*\*Highlighted portions are rule changes from the 2018 season\**

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### **Games:**

- A team may field 10 players. **Teams must field at least four (4) women at all times.** Teams may utilize more than four women if desired. Teams must have at minimum, 8 players (3 women) to start or continue a game. If a team can only field 3 women, they may only play with 8 total players.
- Teams may bat all players. Teams must alternate batting order by men and women until all eligible women have batted.
- Teams may play no more than six players in the infield dirt, this includes pitcher and catcher.
- **Games are 9 innings, or at the completion of an inning after 55 minutes,** whichever comes first. Please hustle in and off the field to keep the game moving along.
- No new inning will start after 55 minutes has elapsed.
- A 15 run after 6 innings (or 5 ½ if home team is winning and a 10 run after 7 innings (or 6 ½ if home team is winning) mercy rule will be in effect.
- The Paxton Park District will staff each game with one umpire.
- Poor sportsmanship, offensive language, or verbal or physical abuse towards officials, opponents, or teammates will not be tolerated. Immediate ejection will take place and offender will be subject to permanent removal for a specified period from all Park District programs.
- The Paxton Park District is given the right to add or alter a rule at any time throughout the season that is not already expressly specified.

### **Batting/Baserunning**

- A batter must wait for the ball to be within three feet of the plate before kicking the ball.
- There are no walks and no 3-strike strikeouts. If a batter does not like a pitch, they should not attempt to kick it, and another pitch will be thrown. If a pitch is completely missed by the batter, the batter is out. One foul ball will be allowed per at bat. If batter kicks a second foul ball, they are out.
- No bunting. A line will be drawn in the dirt across the field between the batter's box and the pitching rubber. All kicks must advance past this line. If kick does not cross this line, it is a dead ball and the batter is out.
- All batters turned baserunners are out in situations similar to baseball/softball rules. In addition, runner will be out when they are hit by a thrown ball at or below the shoulders.
- No leading off or stealing. Baserunners can only move off the base once the ball has been kicked. Runners leaving early will be declared out.
- A thrown ball that hits a runner's neck or head is illegal. Outs can only be made by a thrown ball that hits the runner at the shoulders or below. Runners cannot intentionally use their head or neck to block the ball. They will be ruled out. If a ball is

intentionally thrown at a runner's head or neck, it will be a dead ball and runner will be awarded their intended base, plus one more.

- A safety base will be used for 1<sup>st</sup> base. Runners should run through the orange portion of the safety base.
- With the exception of runners running to first base, baserunners cannot advance once the pitcher has control of the ball near the pitching rubber.
- Teams may utilize 1 courtesy runner per inning. The courtesy runner must be the player who made the last out.

### **Pitching/Fielding**

- Pitchers cannot spin/curve their pitch. Balls must be rolled with minimal bounce. Pitches must be pitched within the width of the batter's box.
- Pitcher must pitch from the pitching rubber and stay near the rubber after delivering the pitch until the ball is kicked. No charging the plate after release of the pitch.
- The catcher may not break the plane of home plate until the ball is kicked.
- There is no infield fly rule.

### **Substitutions**

- Free defensive substitution will be allowed. A player starting the game on the bench may play the field the next inning and rotate in and out throughout the game. Batting order must remain the same throughout the game.
- Teams can bat their entire roster. If they elect to not bat their entire roster/all players currently available for a given game, a substitution can be made from a player not the in original batter order. A player who is removed from the original batting order, may re-enter the game, but only in that same spot in the batting order. Once a player who was not in the original batting order is taken out, he/she cannot re-enter.