

2022 Elsmere Parks & Recreation Fall Kickball League Rules

ROSTER:

Rosters must consist of between 10 and 20 people. People on the roster must be at 7 - 17 years of age (birth certificates, or official identification may be requested) at the beginning of the season. Rosters will be frozen at the beginning of the tournament. Players must be on Team Roster to be eligible for the tournament.

WAIVERS:

A waiver must be signed by all participants releasing The City of Elsmere, Elsmere Recreation, and city staff from any liability for injury associated with the event.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

All players, coaches and spectators are required to display good sportsmanship before, during and after all games on and off the court/field while at Elsmere Parks and Recreation activities. Players, coaches, and spectators not displaying good sportsmanship may be ejected or suspended as determined by the Elsmere Parks and Recreation staff in accordance with the Parks Behavior Policy.

Showing respect towards players, umpire(s) and Elsmere Parks & Recreation staff is an integral part of the success of the Adult Kickball League. Failure to show the proper respect before, during, and after games could lead to disciplinary action for the player or team.

If any player, coach, or spectator engages in a verbal or physical altercation, that person will be suspended per the Elsmere Parks & Recreation Behavior Policy.

ELSMERE PARKS & RECREATION BEHAVIOR POLICY:

Elsmere Parks and Recreation under no circumstance will tolerate verbal and/or physical abuse of any staff member, umpire/referee, or program participant. The penalties for any of the above behaviors are strict and strongly enforced. First time offenders may be suspended for a minimum of 1-year from all Parks and Recreation programming. It is our mission that all participants as well as employees feel safe and are protected from any type of abuse.

EJECTIONS:

1. If any player, coach, or spectator engages in a fight or situation involving verbal abuse, that person will be suspended per the Elsmere Parks & Recreation Behavior Policy.
2. Any ejected player is suspended from the remainder of the present game and the next played game, plus could face additional suspension(s) based on their current and past behavior. Elsmere Parks & Recreation staff will decide upon any further disciplinary action.
 - a. First offense: Remainder of present game and next played game.
 - b. Second offense: Remainder of the season including the post-season. Player must also be approved for reinstatement to kickball leagues by Elsmere Parks & Recreation in order to play the next season.
3. Any ejected person must leave the park immediately. Any delay in doing so or disruptive behavior upon ejection will result in further disciplinary action that could include team forfeit.

his/her base when the ball is kicked will be called out. You may overrun first base but must turn to the right to show you do not intend to advance; however, in the event of a close play runners must use the outside (orange) base, and the fielder must use the inside (white) base.

GAME RULES:

1. Maximum # of 10 players on the field at one time. There is a maximum of 20 players on your roster. Teams must have a minimum of 6 players in order to start or continue a game. If a team does not have at least 6 players. A forfeit will result in a 5-0 loss. If a player arrives late, they will be inserted into the bottom of the order. No outs are taken if a team has less than 10 players.

2. Everyone on your team may kick. Starting players may move freely from one field position to another, but the kicking order must stay the same. **Every player that plays in the field must kick.**

3. Each kicker will start with a 0-0 count, with 4 fouls making an out (fouls do not count as strikes). The kicker is out after 3 strikes or 4 foul balls and is issued a walk after 4 balls. Pitches are considered strikes when the ball is within one foot of either side of home plate and above home plate.

4. Kickers must start on or behind the Kick Line (the line drawn approximately 6 feet behind home plate) and must not cross home plate before kicking the ball. A strike is a ball that rolls through the strike zone and is not kicked or when a player attempts to kick the ball and misses.

5. All fielders-must remain behind the line drawn from first to third until the ball has been kicked. The catcher must remain behind the Kick Line until the ball is kicked.

6. Runners must avoid contact at all costs. Fielders may not block a base when not making a play on the runner/ball. (Contact result in that player being called out and possibly ejected from that game and suspended for the next game).

7. Outs are recorded by tagging the base in a forced run situation, tagging the runner with the ball, or hitting the runner with a thrown ball below the shoulders (if the ball bounces you are still out). A player hit in the head **MAY** be ruled safe according to the umpire's discretion.

8. If a runner comes in contact with a kicked ball while not on a base they will be called out.

BANNED SUBSTANCES:

1. There are to be no alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on City of Elsmere premises and parks.