

# KICKBALL

## OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### **TEAM REGULATIONS**

1. THIS IS A COED LEAGUE, however, women may outnumber men. At no time may men outnumber women.
  - A. Teams must have a minimum of 8 players to start and finish a game.
  - B. A maximum of 10 may play the field, but all players in attendance may kick.
  - C. The kicking order must alternate male/female, with any doubling of women occurring at the end of the order.

### **GAME LIMITS**

1. Home team will be determined on the schedule. Game time begins when the umpire announces play ball. The umpire will announce game time to eliminate any discrepancies in the time limit.
2. All games will be 1 hour or 9 innings, whichever occurs first. No new inning may start after 1 hour. Games may end in a tie.
3. At the scheduled game time, if either/both team(s) is short the minimum number of players required, a grace period of 10 minutes will be given. Once both teams have reached the minimum number of required players the game will begin immediately. Grace period time will be deducted from the game playing time.
4. RUN SPREAD RULE: A game will end if either team is leading by 20 runs after 3 innings or 15 runs after 5 innings.

### **PITCHING, CATCHING, KICKING**

1. Balls and strikes will not be called. All players must kick the ball.
2. The pitched ball must travel slowly. The kicker will determine the speed.
3. The pitcher must release the ball at, or behind the pitching rubber.
4. All fielders must remain behind the "fielding line" (diagonal chalk line) until the ball is kicked.
5. The catcher must stand behind the kicker and may not cross home plate before the ball is kicked.
6. Only the catcher may position themselves in foul territory. To avoid collisions catchers should never stand on home plate during play.
7. A kicker could foul out. Three (3) foul balls will constitute an out.
8. All kicks must occur at or behind home plate. Kicking the ball in front of home plate will be considered a foul ball.

- NEW!** 9. Bunting is allowed.

### **BASE RUNNING & FIELDING**

- NEW!**
1. There is no "infield fly rule". However, fielders may not intentionally drop the ball to turn a double play.
  2. No leadoffs or stealing allowed. The runner must remain on the base until the ball is kicked. Violation of this rule will result in the runner being called out.
  3. Once the pitcher is in control of the ball, in the infield, play will stop.
  4. Base runners must remain within the "base line" when running from base to base.
  5. A runner will be called out if they are hit with the ball below the shoulders. Any runner hit above the shoulders is awarded the base. If a runner intentionally uses their head to block the ball they will be called out.
  6. Runners may advance (at their own risk) no further than the next base on any overthrow.

7. Official baseball rules will apply when pertaining to; fair vs. foul ball, tagging up, and the base line.

### **EQUIPMENT/SAFETY**

1. The BVRC will provide the official game ball.
2. Metal cleats are prohibited.
3. All exposed jewelry judged unsafe by the umpire should not be worn. Exception; medical alert bracelets and necklaces.

### **UMPIRE AUTHORITY**

During a ball game the umpire is in full authority. During all league play there is a UIC (umpire in charge) at the complex. Problems or complaint about an umpire should be directed to the UIC.

1. Harassment of umpires will not be tolerated and will be cause for immediate ejection.
2. Any argument of a judgment call (including balls and strikes) is cause for ejection.
3. If an immediate rule clarification is required, the manager, in a professional manner, may ask for time out to discuss it with the umpire.
4. If anyone shoves, strikes, threatens or abuses any umpire, complex employee, player, or fan before, during or after a game, he/she could be subject to suspension from league play. Furthermore, legal action could be taken.

### **COMPLEX GUIDELINES**

1. A \$1 gate fee will be charged to all persons 18 and over entering the complex. Those paying the gate fee will receive a token worth \$1 at the concession stand.
2. No pets are allowed.
3. No coolers are allowed except water containers.
4. No food or drink may be brought into the complex.

**NEW!** 5. Our complex is a smoke-free facility. Smoking will only be permitted in the parking lot.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

1. BVRC INCLEMENT WEATHER LINE: **(913)685-6099, ext. 4**  
Weather updates are available on our website [www.bluevalleyrec.org](http://www.bluevalleyrec.org). You can also request to have a text message sent to you when games are cancelled.
  - A decision will be made regarding field conditions by 4:30pm on weekdays and 12:30pm on Sundays.
2. Every effort will be made to schedule rainout make-up games on the regular league night. However, it is possible that make-up games could be scheduled on a different night.

### **LEAGUE STANDINGS**

League schedules and standings will be updated weekly and posted at the complex. You may also view schedules and standings on our website [www.bluevalleyrec.org](http://www.bluevalleyrec.org). Discrepancies in standings should be reported to the league.

1. League champions will receive t-shirts.
2. In case of a tie the following tie-breakers will be used;
  - Head-to-Head
  - If the tie cannot be broken using head-to-head, all tied teams receive awards.