

City of Coolidge Parks and Recreation Department
Adult Recreation Kickball
Rules and Policies

Coolidge Parks and Recreation Co-ed Kickball is purely recreational with the emphasis of always having a good time.

ENTRY FEE

The fee covers umpires, ball, trophies, lights, and awards. Registration will cost \$75.

SCHEDULING

Games will be played on Mondays and Tuesdays beginning at 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 8:00 pm, and 9:00 pm, at Kenilworth Sports Complex. A post season playoff will follow the league.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY CHALLENGES

Team managers and field supervisors may challenge the eligibility of any player according to the guidelines below. Player eligibility challenges are considered protest situations and must be made as per the below guidelines. Any player challenged must provide identification or proof, which reflects information provided on the team's roster. If they cannot produce identification, they will be considered ineligible. Field supervisors may challenge the eligibility of any player at any time prior to or during a game. An eligibility challenge instigated by a field supervisor may evoke a return challenged.

1. Time will be stopped.
2. Challenge must be made before the start of the second inning; others will not be heard unless the player in question begins playing after this time.
3. Team A may challenge one player of team B
4. If the team B player produces the proper identification, team A may continue to challenge team B players until a team B player produces proper identification or a maximum of four players have been challenged.
5. Team B then may challenge team A's players under the same guidelines.
6. Games will be continued after the ineligible players have left the playing field and both teams have the minimum number of eligible players to proceed.

FORFEITS

1. A ten-minute grace period will be given to the 6:00 game only. This time will count against your hour limit. The umpire will notify both teams when the grace period begins and will call the game if a team cannot field enough players after the grace period has elapsed. The umpires watch is the official watch.
2. A team must have 8 eligible players to start a game and no less than 8 to finish a game. If a team cannot field 8 players or more, this is a forfeit and is recorded as such. If the 2 teams are willing to play the game as a practice game during that hour, they will be allowed to do so.
3. Any violation of the code of conduct in the umpire's discretion could result in a forfeit.

PROTESTS:

1. Only rule interpretation will be justifiable for protests and not an umpire's judgment call. If a team protests, it must notify game umpire and/or field supervisor by the team captain or manager before the next pitch to the next batter.
2. Ineligible player protests must be made during the game, please notify the umpire. You must point out the player in question; whole roster checks will not be done.
3. Protests must be written and submitted to the Coolidge Parks and Recreation office during the next business day. To file a protest, you must inform the umpire that you are playing the game under protest and give specific reason. The next business day (M-F, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.), a written protest along with a \$10 fee must be filed with the Parks and Recreation Department. This fee is refundable only if the ruling is in your favor. To file a protest during a tournament, you must inform the umpire immediately and give a specific reason. A written protest along with a \$10 check fee must be filed with the League Supervisor. All protests must be settled before any play can be resumed. This fee is refundable only if the ruling is in your favor.

INSURANCE

The City of Coolidge does not carry any insurance to cover individuals. Participants in any league or tournament are done so at your own risk.

AWARDS

First and second place finisher of the league will receive shirts and one trophy.

Fielding a Co-Ed Team

Each team will field 9 players defensively (1 catcher, 4 infielders and 4 outfielders. The pitcher will be provided by the batting team.) You may not field more than 6 men at one time and there is no limitation on how many females you can field at the same time. In order to field a team, you must have at least 8 players present. The maximum amount of players a team can have is 15.

All players present must be in the batting order throughout the game. If you have 11 players show up, 9 will play at a time defensively, but all 11 must be on the batting order. When you are on defense, you may only play one player defensively in vicinity of the pitcher (meaning in front of the 1st to 2nd base line, and in front of the 2nd the 3rd base line). In previous seasons, teams would all move way up when a weaker female kicker is up and completely takes away her ability to get on base. Let the girls play!!!! Failure to meet these minimum requirements will result in an official forfeit although exhibition play is always highly recommended in these cases. This is subject to change if team captains and umpire can agree on an alternate plan.

Batting Order Male/Female Ratios

All players on the field must be in the batting order. The kicking order must be guy girl guy girl throughout. This could mean that guys will kick more than girls or vice versa depending on your team ratio of guys to girls.

Pitching / Kicking / Bunting

In order to keep the game exciting and highly offensive, there will be no defensive pitcher. The pitcher will be provided by the batting team. As there is no defensive pitcher, bunting will be illegal. If you do not take a full kick at a ball, it will be considered a bunt. Each batter will be given a maximum of three pitches to put the ball in play. If the third pitch is bunted/fouled, a batter will be given one final courtesy pitch. If

that pitch is fouled or bunted, the kicker will be called out at that point. If the defensive team fields a ball in front of the bunt line, it will be considered foul.

3 ways to get an out

- a) catch fly ball
- b) force out at base (like soft ball)
- c) hit a runner below the neck with the ball

Equipment

Balls, bases, and any other necessary equipment will be provided by Coolidge Parks and Recreation

Game Time

Each game will be composed of a one hour time limit. A new inning is not to start after the game clock has passed 50 minutes. Whatever inning has started before the game clock has reached 50 minutes will be finished. There is not a seven inning limit per se.

A regulation game that is **TIED** at the end of seven innings or the one hour time limit has expired. One additional inning will be played with the last batter out from the previous inning starting on second base as the runner.

A. Tournament game that is tied at the end of seven innings or one hour shall be continued by playing additional innings until one team has scored more runs than the other at the end of a completed inning, or the team second at the bat scores more runs in their half of the uncompleted extra innings.

B. Tournament championship game will play seven (7) innings with a one hour time limit; Run rule is still in effect for game. If a second game is required there will be no time limit, but the run rule will still be in effect.

Sliding

- Sliding is allowed with the exception of at home plate. When you are approaching home plate, all you need do is cross the 4 foot "finish line" to the right of the plate to score. **YOU WILL NOT BE TOUCHING HOME PLATE AT ALL.** This rule is designed to avoid any kind of collisions/injuries at home plate. There are a couple of parts to this rule.
- 1) It is not necessary to touch home plate. If the ball is caught by the catcher while they are touching the plate before you cross the "finish line", you will be out.
- 2) If you pass the midway point between third base and home on the way home, you have committed for home. You may not turn around. At this point, you must beat the throw as stated above or you will be out.
- 3) Furthermore, if the catcher is in the proper position(meaning standing on home plate and not in front of the finish line), & the runner makes contact with the catcher, the runner will be out regardless of where the ball is. Bottom line. Do not run through home plate and there should be absolutely no contact with the catcher or you will be out.

SPECIAL RULES

In the event of any rules not specifically covered by the City of Coolidge modified softball rules, the Recreation Department will have the authority to institute new rules or change old rules to maintain continuity of the overall sports program.