

Novi Parks Adult Kickball League Rules 2020



Recreational Supervisor

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General Information:

League Months: September - October

Location: All games at Ella Mae Power Park

Game Times: 6 & 7 pm / 8:20 & 9:20 pm

Tournament Play: Everyone plays in bracket play

Rain outs- Weather decisions will be made 4 pm. Please call 248-347-0473 for the weather line.

Note: Updated schedules, standings and league rules will be located on Website: cityofnovi.org

Registration and Player Eligibility:

1. Signed player rosters are due before the start of the first game of the season. Can be turned in at Novi Parks or emailed to gmorris@cityofnovi.org, or given to site supervisor on site.
2. Maximum number of 20 players on roster.
3. Players may be added throughout the regular season by completing and signing the official team roster with the official prior to the game.
4. Only those players who are legally affixed to the proper roster and *played* in at least one regular season game are eligible for play-offs.

Basic Rules:

GAME LENGTH

- Games will have a sixty (60) minute time limit.
- If the third out is made before time expires in the bottom of the inning then a new inning begins.
- In the event of excessive inclement weather, all options will be used to complete the season. This includes games being played on different nights of the week from your regular night of play and weekends.

RUN RULE

- If a team is ahead by twenty (20) or more runs after three (3) innings, fifteen (15) or more after four (4) innings or ten (10) or more after five (5) innings then game will be declared over.
- The home team will get to bat in the bottom of the inning if they are the trailing team.

EQUIPMENT

- The league will use an 8.5" size kickball.
- Balls will be provided by the league.

GAME TIMES

- Games will begin at 6:00, 7:00, 8:20 and 9:20 p.m.
- Game time is forfeit time. There are no grace periods.
- Eight (8) players must be present to start a game.

COED RULES

- Coed teams will consist of at least three females and seven males. The kicking order must alternate males and females throughout.

- Players can be anywhere on the field. You do not have to have alternating pitcher and catcher.
- A team can kick with a minimum of eight (8) kickers and a maximum of twenty (20) kickers as long as the kicking order adheres to the alternating sexes kicking rule, except; if a team is kicking with more than twelve (12) players and has an odd number of players. The first and last kickers must be of the same sex.
- A courtesy runner is now allowed in Coed to be used for both a male and female player once per half inning.

TIE BREAKER

- When the game is tied after time has expired, the Progressive International Tie-Breaker will go into effect. The last batter to complete his/her turn at bat will start the inning on second base. Should another inning need to be played the last two batters will start at second and third and if a third inning must be played the last three batters will start on first, second and third base. This format will continue until a winner is determined.

SCOREKEEPING

- The official scorekeeper is the responsibility of the home team. If the score is in doubt the umpire will compare scorebooks and resolve any discrepancies. Upon conclusion of the game, **A REPRESENTATIVE FROM BOTH TEAMS MUST REPORT THE SCORE TO THE SITE SUPERVISOR.**

PLAYER CONDUCT

- Profanity, vulgarity, unsportsmanlike behavior or misconduct of any kind that is detrimental to the game of kickball and its purpose will not be tolerated. Athletic staff, City employees, League officials or umpires shall remove the offending parties from the park and the Police will be called if deemed necessary.
- Any person ejected for profanity, vulgarity, or unsportsmanlike behavior will receive a minimum one game suspension. If a player is ejected from a game, then they must leave the park for the remainder of the night.
- The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances by participants or spectators may be cause for immediate removal from the park. If a player is caught consuming and/or possessing alcohol during a game (either inside or outside of the dugout) the player will be disqualified or ejected from the game. If the player is ejected the team must provide a legal substitution or the team forfeits the game.

ELIGIBILITY

- Players in City of Novi adult leagues must be at least 18 years of age at the time of participation.
- Rosters are the basis for the legality of players and are due prior to the start of your game for the evening. We will keep rosters at the field, so make sure they are updated.
- No roster shall exceed twenty (20) players including a player/manager unless a special exception is made by the Athletic office.

PLAYING FIELD

- All games will be played at either Ella Mae Power Park or ITC Community Sports Park
- Base distance is 70', pitching rubber is at 50'.
- Strike Zone will be home plate to include 15" on both sides of the plate. The strike zone is completely up to the judgment of the official and may not be appealed.

PITCHING AND CATCHING

- The pitcher must start with one foot on the pitching rubber for a legal pitch.
- Pitcher must deliver the ball with one hand, releasing the top of the ball below his/her waist toward home plate. A violation of this will be called an illegal pitch and the ball is still live to kick. If no kick is made then the pitch is called a ball.
- The pitcher must have one foot on the pitching rubber until the ball leaves their hand. A violation of this will be an illegal pitch and the ball is still live to kick. If no kick is made then the pitch is called a ball.

- A strike is called when a legal pitch crosses the plate or 15” on either side of the plate, at a height such that the top of the ball is not higher than the bottom of the kicker’s knee.
- A ball is called when a pitched ball bounces over the strike zone at a height that the top of the ball is higher than the bottom of the kicker’s knee and is not struck at by the kicker.
- A ball is called for each illegal pitch or when the ball does not cross a part of the strike zone.
- Catcher cannot touch a pitched ball until the ball passes the kicker and no attempt on kicking the ball was made, or after the ball has been kicked. If the catcher interferes with the kicker then obstruction will be called and the kicker is awarded a ball.

LEGAL TAG AREA

- The legal tag area will be from the shoulder and below. If the ball is thrown, it must be thrown at a height below the waistline of the intended runner.
- If a ball is thrown and hits the ground then strikes the runner the runner will be declared out.
- If a player is hit above the waist while running in an upright position, they are awarded the base the player was running toward.
- If a player attempts to duck, jump, or slide, then the player assumes the risk of being hit on any part of the body and could be judged out.

KICKING

- The kicker must allow the ball to pass the plate before he/she kicks the ball or will be called out.
- A kicked foul ball with two (2) strikes will result in strike three (3) and the player is out.

RUNNING THE BASES

- Leadoffs and stealing are not allowed.
- If a player attempting to advance towards a base while running in an upright position and is struck with the ball from a throw above the waist, they will be awarded the base.
- If a player intentionally interferes with the play of the ball or tries to catch the ball in any way, that runner will be declared out and any runner who the fielding team would have had a chance to get out will be out.

SCHEDULES

- Schedules and standings can be viewed at the Adult Sports website at cityofnovi.org.
- Team captains will receive regular communications from Novi Parks as well.

FIELD CONDITIONS/RAIN OUTS

- When playing conditions are questionable call the rain out number at 248-347-0473 for the latest information. This recording is usually updated after 4:00 p.m. or in the event the weather changes throughout the day. • Any games canceled in progress will resume at the point the game was stopped unless four complete innings have been played. If four innings have been played, the score will revert back to what it was at the end of the last completed inning if we have to stop midway through the next inning.